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The Editor's Page

For An Active NAD

The announcement that the National Association of the Deaf has employed a public relations firm to assist in its campaign for funds for a home office, has brought forth some sage editorial advice from our esteemed contemporary, *The Cavalier*, in its June number.

The Cavalier has been wont to editorialize on the policies of the NAD from time to time, and even one who may not admire the policies of *The Cavalier* must admit that ideas offered by its editor are usually very good. Even officials of the NAD have agreed with most of the opinions expressed by *The Cavalier* as long as it has confined itself to possible NAD activities. In offering advice to the NAD, however, *The Cavalier* throws in unjust criticism of the Association and accuses it of shortcomings which are not of its own making. It overlooks or ignores the good work the NAD is doing and has done, and magnifies its flaws. It calls upon the NAD to accomplish things, and condemns it for failure to accomplish them, when *The Cavalier* should know, and probably does know, that these things can not be accomplished as the NAD is now constituted. *The Cavalier* agrees that the NAD needs a home office, yet it criticizes the NAD for not doing the work that can only be done when the home office and a full-time working staff are in operation.

As an example, within the past two or three years *The Cavalier* has condemned the NAD for its failure to stop the peddling racket. With all the publicity against peddlers that has come from many sources, and with all the efforts of many people, including the NAD, the peddling racket still flourishes. It will continue to flourish as long as people will give money to the peddlers. The only way it can be stopped is by educating the public against it, and this is a task which the NAD has neither the funds nor the time to carry out, although it does as much as it can. This is one of the many reasons the NAD is campaigning for funds and a home office.

The Cavalier points out that because of a long period of "somnolence" on the part of NAD officials, the younger generation of the deaf has only a vague idea as to what the NAD is, and that in their efforts to build up the Association, the officials must make an effort to sell the NAD to the deaf. *The Cavalier* is correct, except that the lack of appreciation of the NAD is not due to

"somnolence," which means "sleep." Men elected to office in the NAD have been good men, sincerely intent upon serving the deaf, but they have had their own jobs and their families to look after and the NAD has been a spare-time activity for them. In their spare time they have done as much for the NAD as they could. It has been impossible for them to do many things they should have done. *The Cavalier* knows this, but it accuses them of sleeping. In the matter of selling the NAD, *The Cavalier* ignores the fact that during the last four years officials of the NAD have traveled all over the country, at their own expense, in an effort to sell the NAD to the deaf. They have succeeded, insofar as money and time would permit, to the extent that the NAD has more members today than ever before. There is more widespread interest in the work of the NAD today than ever before. *The Cavalier* also ignores the fact that the NAD established this publication, THE SILENT WORKER, in an effort to sell the NAD to the deaf.

The Cavalier accuses the NAD of between-convention inactivity and lack of a "program." The present program is designed to build up the organization. That is its major aim. *The Cavalier* knows that since the last convention, activity of NAD officials has resulted in an addition of some \$18,000 to the Endowment Fund. *The Cavalier* knows that NAD officials are active in starting a nationwide membership campaign. Any reader of THE SILENT WORKER knows that NAD officials have been active in a number of fields.

The Cavalier is correct to the extent that there has not been enough NAD activity in any field. It can not accomplish more until it has an effective working organization. This is what the NAD is striving to build, and in this *The Cavalier*, supposedly dedicated to service to the deaf, could be of immense help, if it chose to help rather than to condemn the Association and its officials for failing to accomplish what is impossible of accomplishment under existing conditions.

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Stokes of Minnesota

HE HAS MADE HIS IMPRINT

By WESLEY LAURITSEN

Deaf from birth, Robert Stokes holds an enviable position as an upright businessman in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Nor has he forgotten how to play as well as work.

THE STOKES PRINTING COMPANY, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, grosses over \$30,000 per year. Robert Stokes, the genial young owner of the business, was born deaf. This has proven no hindrance to progress in commercial, civic and personal life.

Young Bob was enrolled at the Minnesota School for Deaf in 1921, at the age of nine. He breathed enthusiasm, and his good nature made friends for him wherever he went. He played football and took an active part in all student activities. He was a good student and in the print shop, where he did a great deal of work, he shone above others. After being graduated from Minnesota in 1934, he took further work in printing at the Dunwoody Institute, Minneapolis. In due time, he received his diploma from the International Typographical Union.

After completing his course at Dunwoody, Stokes worked in various shops in Southern Minnesota and Grand Rapids. In 1937, he married Sigrid Swanson, also a graduate of the Minnesota School for the Deaf. For a time they lived with his mother in Cohasset, a

small town five miles from Grand Rapids, while he worked in a commercial printing shop in Grand Rapids. The owner of the place soon recognized Bob's ability, and let him do most of the work.

On July 7, 1941, Bob used his savings to buy the shop. The following day, he hired a hearing young lady who had grown up with him, and understood him, to handle customer contacts and office work. This young lady, Miss Mildred Hollinrake, remains with the company today as bookkeeper, buyer, and office manager. Incidentally, she declares Mr. Stokes is the best boss in the world.

The first few years were far from easy. Stokes recalls one of the disturbing incidents of the time, at which he can laugh today:

"When I bought out the former owner, I had absolutely no experience as to the quality of paper, grades, prices, and so forth. I had always worked for a boss before, and merely printed the stock he specified. I knew I could handle the printing end of the business, as that part and the machines were familiar to me. As to the buying, ordering and pricing, I was a complete

greenhorn. The same was true of the girl I had hired to work for me.

"One day a customer came in to order letterheads, and the girl waited on him. At that time, we had on hand only one grade of paper for letterheads. The customer was a former paper salesman. He knew the different grades of paper, and wanted the best. He asked the girl for samples of our stock.

"Somewhat apologetically, she replied that this one grade was all we had, but we would be glad to order whatever he wanted. He said he wanted a 100% rag bond stock. She asked me about this, and I said we'd order it. Then he asked the price, and we told him the price was the same.

"The ex-salesman realized that we were green about the business, and told us that 100% rag bond was considerably more expensive than the paper we stocked. We then decided to charge him a little more than our original price. When it came to ordering the stock, I ordered a whole carton of the paper.

"The bill came to about \$50.00, and I was horrified. But I talked to the salesman about the bill, and he very kindly took back about two-thirds of the carton, releasing us from the contract. To this day, I have never had to order a full carton of 100% rag bond paper. The customer was a good scout about the whole deal, and we have had many good laughs about that since. If anyone today should start up in business knowing as little about the busi-

The picture at the top of the page shows Robert Stokes in the store operated in connection with his printing shop at Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Started as a sideline, the store now contributes as much as the shop to the Stokes income.

ness end of things as I did—and the girl who worked for me—I would say he was either crazy or taking a big risk. People and salesmen were kind, and did not take advantage of me.”

During the first year, the business averaged only \$300 a month. Now the income is well over \$2,500 per month. When purchased, the shop contained two presses, one 10 x 15 automatic press and a 12 x 18 letter press; a Rosback rotary perforator, a Diamond paper cutter, a paper punch, two stapling machines, and a round cornering machine. Since then, Mr. Stokes has installed a linotype, a caster, an electric saw, proof press, paper drill, and a number of other machines. The shop is in an excellent location in the main business district.

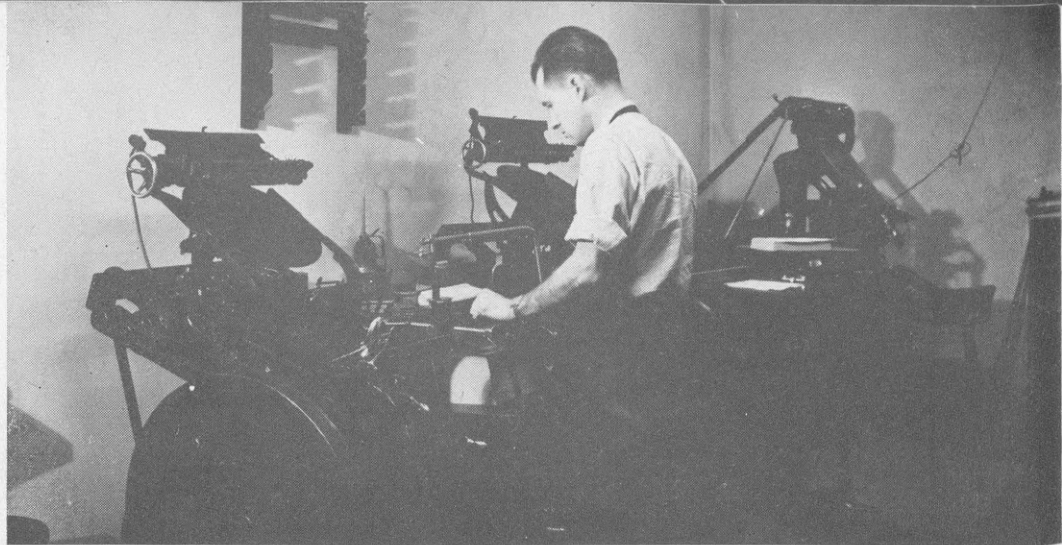
After the first two years, customers started asking for office supplies. This line was gradually added, and now a full line of office supplies and stationery is carried. This department brings in as much as the printing end of the business. The store also carries a full line of greeting cards, and does a big annual business in imprinting Christmas cards. Last year, Christmas card sales totaled \$1,500.

Let's hear from Stokes again:

“One day a man from out of town stopped in my shop while I was there alone. I asked him to write what he wanted, as I could not hear. He stared at me for a while and asked me if I worked here. I told him, ‘Yes, I own the business. Why?’

“He told me he had met some deaf man who was peddling. He had felt so sorry for him that he gave him some money. When he saw that deaf people could work and make as good a living as hearing people, he was surprised and glad. He said that next time he wouldn't be taken in and give his hard-earned money to people who could actually work and make a living instead of working on people's sympathy.”

Despite his total deafness, Robert Stokes lives a full life. He takes an active part in community affairs. In



Robert Stokes at work at one of his printing presses.

1946 the Junior Chamber of Commerce Committee presented him with the Minnesota Light and Power Company Private Enterprise Award for the year. This award is given to a young businessman each year for the purpose of promoting private enterprise. In addition, Stokes is a member of the Civic and Commerce Association, and of the Izaak Walton League. A few years ago, he was the spark plug on a local basketball team.

During the war Stokes lived in Co-hasset. Each time a young man left to fight for Uncle Sam, Stokes would add his name to the town's official roll of honor, prominently displayed on a billboard. At that time, certain materials could not be obtained for etchings. This did not perturb Stokes in the least. He simply fell to and made his own cuts from linoleum blocks.

Bob says everyone makes mistakes, and probably the deaf make them most often, by misunderstanding similar words. A couple of years ago, he tells us, his boys had a little pure-bred golden cocker spaniel. She presented them with a litter of puppies. When the pups were old enough, they wished to sell some of them. Accordingly, Bob printed a large sign to the that effect and posted it on their garage door in a very conspicuous place. When Bob's mother saw the sign, she went off into gales of laughter. Then . . .

“I asked her what the joke was. She handed me a dictionary. My sign read like this:

For Sale: Golden Cockerels
\$25.00 for Males
\$15.00 for Females

“I changed the sign, for that was rather a high price to pay for chickens. Whether the public noticed the mistake or not, I do not know—but the puppies sold like hot cakes. My boys each realized money enough to buy two government bonds, with some left over to put in their bank accounts.”

Experience, however, has taught Bob that not all the mistakes are made by the deaf. He was greatly entertained by one of his hearing customers. After he had explained all about the style, the price, and the size of the cards she wished printed, the lady piped up. How large, she wanted to know, was a 4 x 6 card?

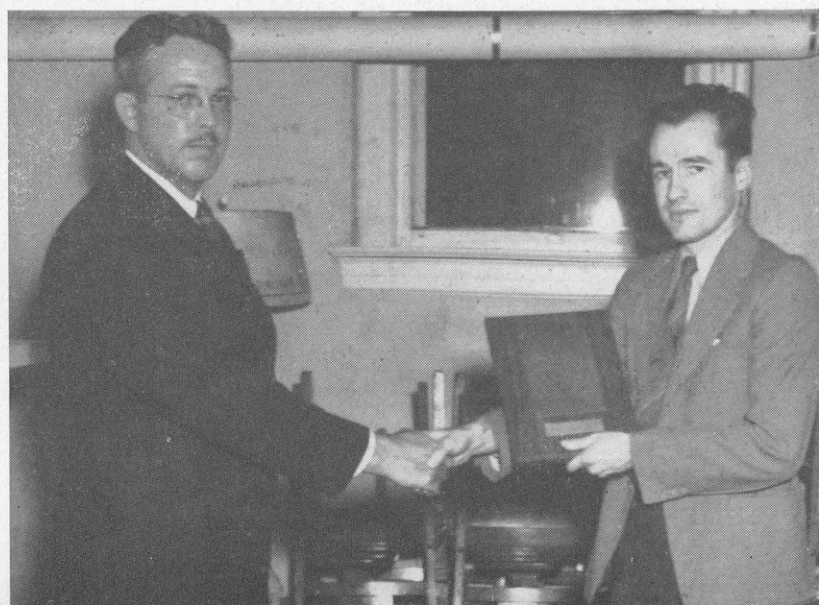
Stokes has attained a good deal of local fame and publicity as an amateur magician. Newspapers have occasionally referred to him as “The Great Stokes.” Miss Hollinrake gives us a hilarious sidelight on this, as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes live in a fine home of their own in Grand Rapids, with the two boys, Royal, 10, and Darrel, 8. The boys are making fine progress in school. Both take piano lessons, and Royal plays the cornet in the school band.

Stokes entertains youngsters with his magic skill.



Robert, right, receives Chamber of Commerce award.



MILLER TWINS IN ACTIVE CAREER

Starting as Russian immigrants, educated at the New York School for the Deaf, where they led their classes, Nathan and Abraham Miller have compiled long records of usefulness and success as printers and in service to their fellow-deaf. They credit the New York School and the combined system of education with preparing them for life in the New World.

IN SPITE OF THE HANDICAP which the affliction of deafness has imposed upon them, two of the most successful craftsmen in the printing industry are the identical set of deaf twins, namely Abraham M. and Nathan W. Miller.

After thirty-two years of service as a compositor in the Printing Section of the New York Post Office, Abraham Miller has been transferred to a newly established Government Printing Office Unit in New York City.

Due to failing sight, Nathan Miller is retiring on disability pension from Yawman & Erbe Manufacturing Co. after having served as head compositor of its printing department for over thirty years. Most of his service was in New York City and nine years ago he was transferred to the main office in Rochester, N. Y., from which he has since retired two years ago.

As evidence of the absence of discrimination against the deaf in the civil service, sixteen years ago Abraham Miller was rewarded for his meritorious service and consistently fine work by being promoted to the grade of Special Clerk, which is the highest rank a clerk can attain.

In 1916, seven years after the Civil

Service was open to the deaf to enter competitive examinations for entrance into government positions, Abraham Miller took the examination for the position of printer in the Government Printing Office at Washington, D. C., but as a matter of convenience accepted appointment with the New York Post Office. In receiving this appointment he became the first deaf person to be placed in the civil service field in the Metropolitan area.

About twelve years ago the officials and co-workers of the firm of Yawman and Erbe united in a joint celebration to bestow honor on one of their employees who had faithfully performed his duties for the past twenty years as a compositor. The gentleman in question was none other than Nathan Miller. The readers of this article can readily estimate for themselves the value and esteem that is held for Nathan when they consider that his officials refer to him as the "Walking Encyclopedia" among the compositors.

From 1913 to 1918 Abraham Miller was assistant to Albert J. Amateau, who was then Executive Director of the Society for the Welfare of the Jewish Deaf. This organization furthered the welfare of the deaf by securing employment for them and other social activities. In 1915 he organized evening classes in the Christie Street Settlement for the education of those deaf adults who had been compelled to leave school at an early period, and those who had received no education at all. One of the classes is still in existence, located in the S.W.J.D Center under the supervision of the New York City Board of Education.

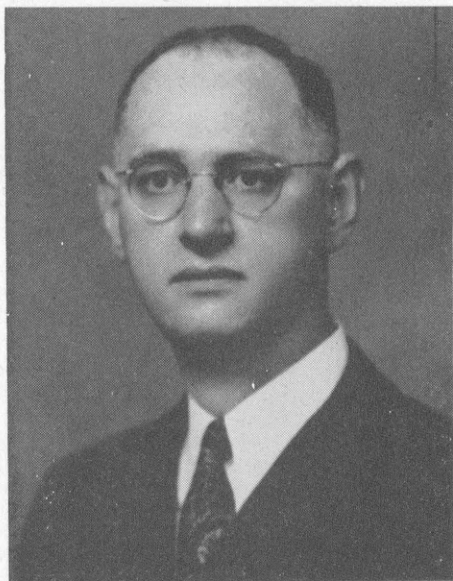
Born October 8, 1892, in Minsk, Russia, both were congenitally deaf. Imagine what blow this must have been to the parents, who had five other normal children, and could see nothing but a dark future for two babies who were so dreadfully handicapped! By the grace of God, the mother who brought these boys up physically and morally straight, lived to see them rise to respected and honored positions in their communities.

When the twins were three years old, the family emigrated to America and settled in New York City, for the parents had heard that here existed schools for the education of the deaf. And they were greatly desirous of giving their deaf children an equal chance in the struggle for existence.

In 1897 at the age of five, the Miller twins entered the New York School for the Deaf, whose principal at that time was Professor Enoch H. Currier. They spent fourteen years at the school, making superb progress and always at the head of their classes in scholastic ability. During the summer vacations of their final years at the school the boys worked, starting first as newsboys with a capital of three cents and later as errand boys and printer's devils.

The Miller twins graduated from school in 1911 and secured positions as compositors in Rochester, N. Y. At the end of a year in that city they returned to New York. They immediately applied for naturalization papers and became citizens of the United States two years later.

Luck was with Nathan and he landed a job as compositor with the Library Bureau. Abe, who meanwhile had joined



ABRAHAM M. MILLER



NATHAN W. MILLER



The Miller twins, at time they began school.

the New York Typographical Union Big Six, found it more difficult to secure steady and continuous employment. So he decided to try the Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C. In 1916 Abe took the competitive civil service examination for printer and passed with flying colors. While waiting for appointment he secured a position with the Bartlett-Orr Press. Now steadily employed, he twice declined appointment to the Government Printing Office, not caring to leave New York. Finally he was offered an appointment with the Printing Section of the New York Post Office. He resigned from Bartlett-Orr Press and entered the government service on January, 1918, where he has remained ever since. Nathan remained with the Library Bureau for six years, resigning to take a position with Yawman & Erbe Manufacturing Co., with which organization he was connected until his retirement.

After completing a course in bookkeeping and accounting, Abraham Miller became an official bookkeeper for the Union League of the Deaf, Inc., of New York City, which position he has been holding for the past twenty years. During this period he has established a "standardized Accounting System" for the organization, which greatly facilitates organizational bookkeeping.

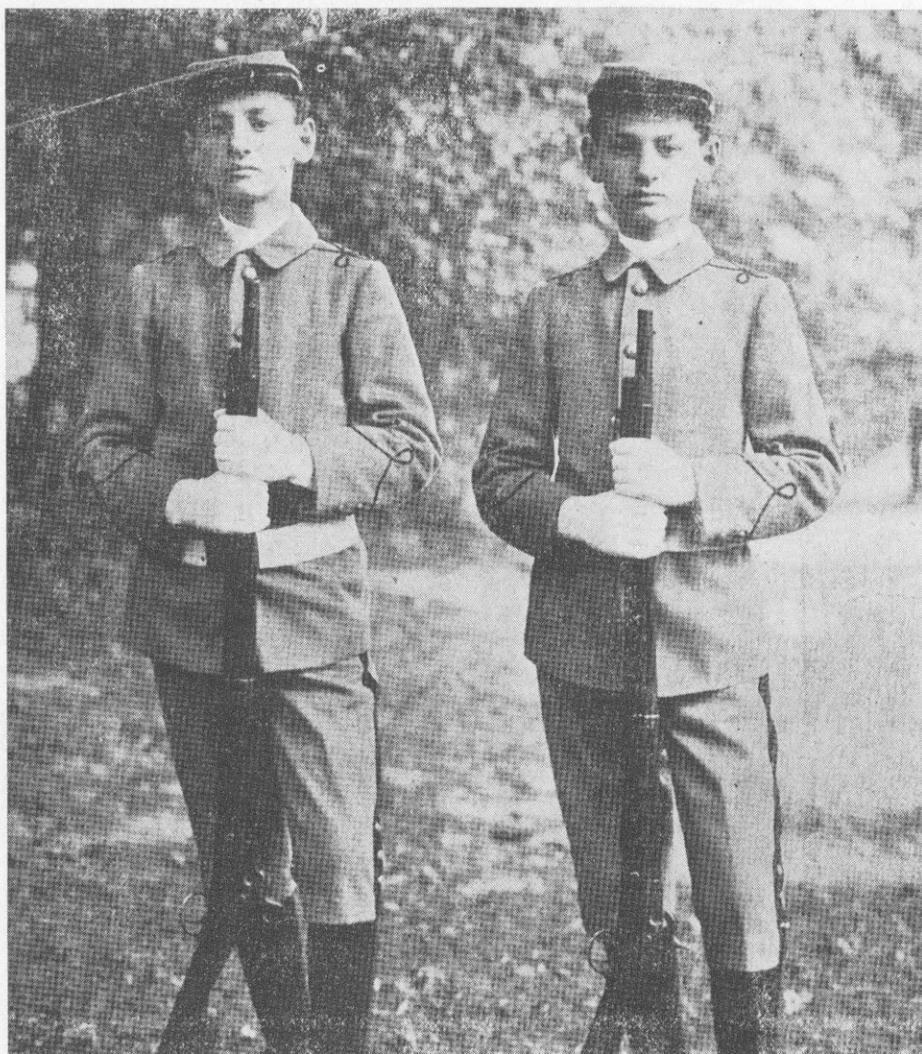
Abraham Miller was elected Treasurer of the Empire State Association of the Deaf at Binghamton, N.Y., in 1936; reelected at Albany in 1938 and at Syracuse in 1940, thus serving three consecutive terms for a total of ten years. He was Treasurer thirty-two years ago by election for two terms of the Hebrew Congregation of the Deaf (now the Hebrew Association of the

Deaf) and has also acted for many years as Chairman of Board of Trustees in charge of funds for that organization.

In 1919 Nathan Miller married Miss Augusta Korman, who lost her sense of hearing at the age of ten after an attack of cerebro-spinal meningitis. Miss

Korman, who had received her elementary education in the public schools of New York City, attended the Lexington School for the Deaf for a short period. The result of this marriage was three sons, and the family are residing in Rochester, N.Y. Two years later Abraham Miller married Miss Bessie Fink, who received her training in the New York School for the Deaf. Miss Fink was for several years instructress of millinery in classes conducted by the Society for the Welfare of the Jewish Deaf. This marriage resulted in a daughter. The children of both Miller families are all normal.

Some of the organizations with which Abraham Miller is connected and in which he takes an active part include: Life Membership in the National Association of the Deaf, Empire State Association of the Deaf, Manhattan Division of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, Union League of the Deaf, Inc., Hebrew Association of the Deaf, and last but not least the National Federation of Post Office Clerks affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Nathan Miller is a member of the Rochester Division N.F.S.D. and also the Rochester Typographical Union.



Members of the Fanwood cadet corps, nine years after beginning school.

Artist in an Unusual Medium

Harry Garfield Long

By CHARLES J. FALK

IT WAS JOHN BOGART of the old New York Sun who said, "When a dog bites a man, that is not news, but if a man bites a dog, that is news." The old saw can be applied to Harry Garfield Long, an 1899 graduate of the Iowa School for the Deaf and a long-time resident of Omaha.

Being endowed by nature with a talent in embroidering the most exquisite needlework—a pastime usually associated with the other sex, but nevertheless a work of art, Long once drew from Dr. J. S. Long, one time principal of the Iowa school, the remark that he had the soul of a born artist.

In the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904, Mr. Long took the first prize for a white linen table cloth, 3 yards by 2½ yards, which had a scroll-worked border of passion flowers in nature's own colors. Later, at the Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland in 1908, he secured second prize for a centerpiece, 36 inches by 36 inches, in a design of oranges and orange flowers, all natural size, and done in nature's colors, which required the use of twelve different shades of yellow for the fruit, four for the flowers, and nine shades of green for the leaves, while the scalloped edges were finished in rainbow shades of the embroidery silks. This fruit piece was pronounced by experts to be one of the most beautiful pieces of art embroidery ever exhibited.

The artistic career of this versatile Harry started when he was a lonely boy of seven with no playmates near his home. He would watch his mother piece quilts, and try to help her pass the time that way. One day a lady friend of his mother's came over with some lovely embroidery, which so fascinated the little boy that he insisted on having some pieces of the same kind of work to do. Ever afterwards, instead of loafing on the streets like other boys, he employed his spare time at home happily plying his needle on beautiful art creations in linen and silk, the same way an artist of the brush delights in creating beautiful paintings on canvas. As a result, Harry developed a high de-



Harry Long and his embroidery—Photo by Robert W. Mullin.

Here is a man who can beat the ladies at their own game! Harry Long has long been known for his skill at "fancy work," which he has developed into real art. He is also the "Hal" of "Hal and Mel," the New York Journal's oldest correspondents.

grees of excellence in an unusual art.

Many of his choice panels featured tropical birds, butterflies, and flowers. Some he sold and many others he gave to friends who treasure them highly. Once he exhibited his art work at the Nebraska Art Institute and received the highest commendation for an embroidered panel with two parrots, one with a peacock, and another with a golden pheasant, all in natural colors. Mr. Long received a large cash offer for the peacock, but declined to sell because he felt that money would not repay him for the great amount of intricate work he had put into it.

Lest you think Harry spent all his waking hours with the needle to the neglect of the material things of life, we hasten to add that he had been connected with the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Company in Omaha for forty-six years, retiring on pension two years ago. He started with the company as stub clerk on reports in the certification department. Later he was promoted to take charge of reports, re-

ceipts, and suspension notices. He held the record as the swiftest penman and the most rapid on the adding machine. Later he was moved up to the accounting department, where he remained until his retirement.

In 1900 Mr. Long was married to Miss Mabel E. Fritz, an Iowa school graduate. Like Mr. Long, she had attended Gallaudet. Her wedding gown was unusual, as it had 800 pearls embroidered on it by Mr. Long. The couple has two children, Grace and Homer. Grace was a dancer for the Orpheum circuit for two years. She is now a happily married resident of Omaha. Son Homer had served as a sergeant with the army transport troop carrier command, winning three combat stars and the purple heart. He is now window display manager of an Omaha department store.

Today, hale and hearty, belying his 69 years, Mr. Long continues to take interest in the affairs of practically all worthwhile organizations of the deaf. He is a charter member of the Omaha Division No. 32, N.F.S.D., and has served the division with distinction in many capacities. When local organizations call for banquets with extra trimmings, Harry is usually put in charge. He also loves dramatic plays and has taken part in many. As "Mal and Mel," Mr. and Mrs. Long have filled an Omaha column in the *New York Journal* with faithful regularity the past 35 years, holding the record for long service in that respect.

The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By RICHARD G. BRILL, Editor

AN EXPERIMENT IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION—PART 2

By HOWARD T. HOFSTEATER

For the first time, Howard T. Hofsteater has outlined the novel experiment in education of a pre-school deaf child carried out by his parents, Howard McPherson Hofsteater and the former Ollie Tracy. Armed with a rich cultural and academic background, they attempted to provide a normal vocabulary and sphere of knowledge for their deaf child. To attain this ambition, they made extensive use of casual and natural conversation with the child, employing the manual alphabet alone.

Miss Eugenia Thornton, in her letter discussing my early education, writes, "The first vivid recollection I have of you was when you were very young. I am sure I saw you, both before and many times when you were still a baby, but no other incident stands out clearly. You were lying in your crib. Your mother brought a bottle of milk to you. You reached for the bottle and at the same time spelled "m-k" several times, just as spontaneously and naturally as a hearing baby of the same age would have attempted to say 'milk,' and perhaps have said 'mik.' . . . This is not a story that I have heard about you but an occurrence that is clearly remembered."

Then followed *w, w-t, w-t-r, water; p, p-d, pdy, puddy* (custard pudding of which I was inordinately fond throughout my childhood); *c-t, cat; pa; ma; s-g-r, sugar; b-n, banana; a-pl, apple*; and so on. My parents are authorities for the foregoing information as regards the first few words I learned. While I was stumbling through the spelling of the words that appealed to me right off, the deluge of natural, everyday English continued unabated.

Anyone who knows the manual alphabet appreciates the fact that consonant letters are much more distinctly formed than the vowels. So I believe it was only natural for me to omit vowels at first. Miss Thornton compares this tendency of mine to "lisping" among hearing babies.

No one has ever been able to put his finger squarely on the subtle mental process by which a normal infant shifts from the vocabulary level to the beginnings of connected language. The near-

est one can come to doing so is to speculate on the part suggestion for imitation plays. When Daddy leaves for work, Mama says fondly to Baby, "Tell Daddy good-bye," and waves her hand to Daddy. Daddy waves back. Mama takes hold of Baby's hand and waves it up and down. After Baby has been repeatedly told to do so, the miracles of spontaneous hand-waving and "Bye," and "Goo-by" follow. In general, the same thing happened to me.

Once that mysterious transition is made, development of connected language and thought (the two are inseparable) becomes swiftly cumulative and is limited only by the quality and quantity of the child's experiences and the nature of his environment.

My parents assured me time and again they never had to resort to formal teaching procedures to get me started in free, idiomatic language. I used more and more everyday English because I saw it used all the time and because I wanted to participate. Dad and Mother repeatedly emphasized to me this point:—never did they physically force me to look at their fingers when they were talking to me; nor did they insist on my "copying" consciously or memorizing words or phrases or expressions. They of course helped me along when I struck out my own to imitate.

The idea that the manipulation of their fingers in my direction would in some way affect my well-being must have percolated through somehow, for I developed at a rather early age the faculty of *concentrated visual attention*—subject, of course, to my fluctuating

desire to listen.

Another interesting thing is this:—I learned the proper sequence of the letters in the alphabet some time after I could spell many words. That is in keeping with good, modern psychology.

I have a suspicion that even my parents were surprised by the extent and rapidity of the language "osmosis" their experiment precipitated. While it gratified and encouraged them, it caused distress among many of my parents' friends and fellow-teachers. They were frankly alarmed, and some of them urged my parents to "cease and desist." And when Dad and Mother serenely went ahead as usual, some people went so far as to accuse them of trying artificially to produce a mental prodigy to satisfy their vanity, and to predict for me either a very early mental breakdown or a career as a Frankensteinian horror. I imagine my parents' feelings were hurt very much and often during that period, but they were convinced they were on the right track.

While I played more or less with the babies in our Talladega neighborhood, my reaction to companionship must have been only middling fair, for my parents never said much about that phase. If I had had brothers and sisters, within close age range, my story might have taken a different direction. It was really not until we moved to 50th Street in Birmingham that I learned to enjoy the company of others of my own age and size. Upon our return to Talladega, my frequent illnesses and growing fondness for books kept me from mixing a great deal with hearing boys of my age. However, I did have a few cronies, all of whom quickly learned to spell on their fingers—and to read finger-spelling. I learned many colloquialisms and Southern expressions from them.

I was naturally introduced to picture books at about the same time as I be-



Miss Maumee Roberts teaches Howard to say "o-o" on steps of Johnson Hall, Alabama school.

gan to manipulate building blocks intelligently. I became familiar with the printed symbols for various letters through informal play with the blocks. My parents saw to it that I could identify each block with its equivalent on my fingers. At the same time, so my parents said, I was fascinated by the gaudy picture books published at that time. They were huge affairs printed in a lavish medley of colors on pages of indestructible linen. The initials, A-B-C, etc., were sunbursts; so were the illustrations."

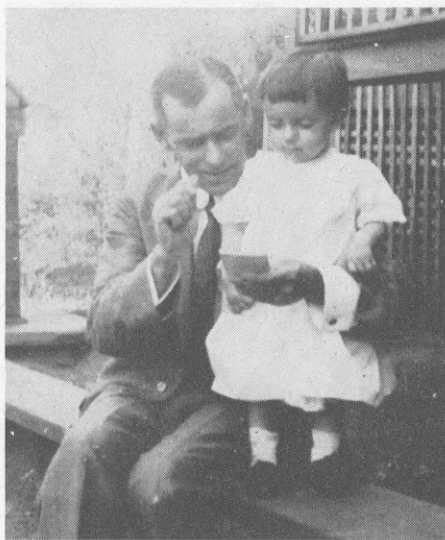
My parents began to tell me stories shortly before we moved to Birmingham, and I quickly slid into the phase in which a child insists on a bedtime story as well as stories at various times of the day.

When I asked for a story, Dad or Mother would always drop everything else to gratify me, and my appetite for stories became a great drain on their time and energy. I was pretty badly spoiled in that connection. They would ask me what story I wanted and, unless Dad had brought home a new book, I would ask for one of my old favorites for a repeat just as all children do. Then they would get the book and, with me comfortably snuggled in their laps, "spell aloud" the story. They would hold their hands pretty close to the pages and spell.

At this point, I am afraid it devolves on me to explain a peculiar phenomenon to people who are not thoroughly familiar with the ins-and-outs of the psychology of the bona-fide deaf. It is not necessary for one who is adept in finger-spelling or signs to look directly at the hands of the person talking. He catches the finger-spelling or signs on the outer edge of the cone of his vision while centering his attention on something else. That is why many deaf people have the disconcerting habit of looking straight into the eyes or at the face of the person to whom they are listening, not at his fingers.

With this explanation in mind, one can see how easy it was for me to center my attention on the illustrations and text and, at the same time, get the words as Dad or Mother spelled them out. Spelling out the words close to the pages also had the effect of keeping my attention on the printed pages. This factor probably had something to do with speeding up my reading readiness.

I was about four and a half years or so old when I received such a shock that I can remember every detail of the event. I asked Mother one day to read me the story of Silver Paw—which I knew by heart and which always caused me to cry. It was a very sad story about a puppy that got lost. I got impatient with the rate at which Mother



Howard's father introduces him to an alphabet card.

was spelling it out and turned a page before she had finished it. She stopped spelling, but I kept right on and sobbed and bawled through to the end. The next day when I asked for another story, she flatly refused, telling me to go read it myself. I was very much hurt, but I did retire into a nook and read the story. That evening when Dad came home, I rushed to him and asked him to read me a story, only to be rebuffed likewise. That was how I was abruptly weaned away from having stories read to me.

Several interesting points come to light in the foregoing account of how I learned to read.

It was only to be expected that I skipped entirely the "oral reading" phase of the standard learning process. It would have been silly for me to spell out the words, too, while my parents were spelling the stories to me. It would have slowed down the reading so much as to make it tedious and uninteresting. I could follow the story and the spelling at a more rapid and natural speed.

It was very easy for me to stop my parents at any time for explanations or for them to pause and ask me if I knew the meanings of words they were pretty sure were new to me.

I have a theory that, in addition to the concepts I was establishing all along through ordinary conversation and observation, this fast reading contributed a great deal to my unconscious acceptance of the fact that words can have different contextual meanings.

Another important point in regard to my reading is that I dearly loved to dramatize the stories I read. I learned to pretend in a big way from my association with the children on 50th Street. We pretended we were Indians, played cops and robbers and so forth. "Bang!" and we'd fall down dead, and so forth.

But it was only with Dad and Mother that I dramatized stories. We had quite a lot of fun, although it must have been tiresome at times for my parents.

I recall that, after I got through Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Puss-in-Boots, The Three Bears and the like, I went on to fairyland. I loved the Brownie stories. Thornton Burgess' endless series of humanized animal stories held my interest for quite a while. Aesop's Fables, the Riverside and the Eclectic series of adapted tales, The Raindrop, Greek, Roman and Teutonic myths, and tales of ancient times and heroes led me on and on to the classics. In between I read a good many stories about Indians, wilderness scouts, the Pilgrims, George Washington, pirates, cowboys, knights, and Boy Scout adventurers. In my imagination, I shot it out with Zane Grey's badmen. Sherlock Holmes was a prime favorite for a long time. My father spent a great deal of time looking through publishers' catalogs and ordering the books he thought I would enjoy. And, too, there was the Carnegie Public Library just across the street from the Alabama School.

The following facts and implications stand out very clearly in this case history study:

(1) It is possible to *spell* on one's fingers to a deaf baby and gradually to attract sufficient attention from it for educational purposes.

(2) It is possible for a deaf baby to *identify* important letters and words formed on the hands and, later on, to *imitate* them.

(3) Sound is by no means the *sine qua non* of the very foundation of a deaf infant's acculturation.

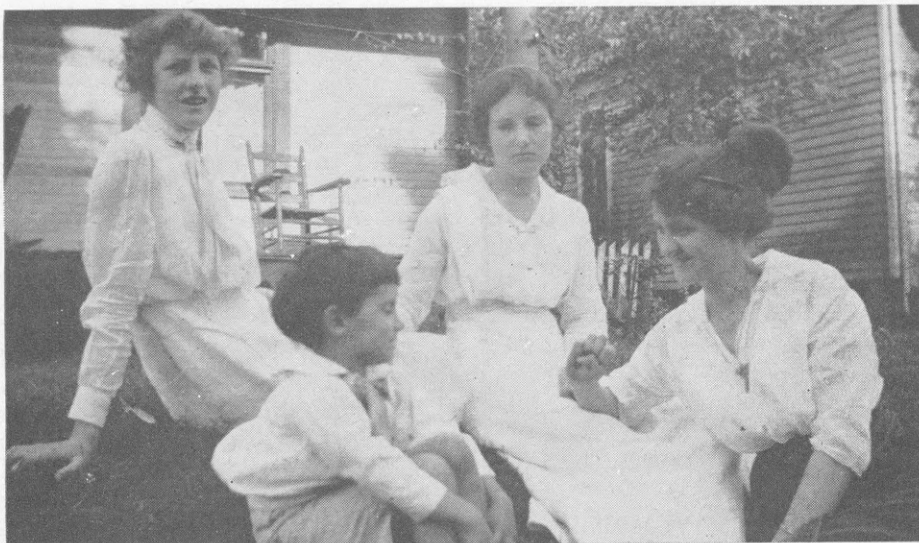
(4) It is easier for a deaf infant to identify and understand something he can see very clearly than something he has to guess at.

(5) It is possible for a congenitally and totally deaf child to achieve through spelling approximately the same amount of "language absorption" that a normal hearing child does, and at the same pace—other factors being equal.

(6) The process used by my parents was exactly like that followed by most educated parents of hearing children except in that finger-spelling was substituted for hearing and speech.

(7) It is during the formative, pre-school years of a child's life—hearing or deaf—that he should be started on language.

One can with good reason infer from this narrative two things in regard to reading:—(a) It is easier for a deaf child trained exclusively by the manual alphabet to get started in reading than his hearing counterpart because of the



Howard talking with three of the Roberts sisters, well known in the teaching profession. The one spelling is Mrs. Lillian Roberts, now supervising teacher in the Louisiana School.

elimination of all phonetic difficulties; (b) that would not be true of a deaf child whose sole method of communication during his pre-school life was that of signs alone.

It occurs to one that hearing parents of deaf children could very easily make use of the manual alphabet to get their babies off to a flying start and wait until they are about three years old before attempting to introduce them to the alien world of sound. The important thing is to establish a free and easy means of inter-communication between the deaf child and his intimates from the very beginning—not only for the sake of exchange of ideas but also for the sake of alerting as early as possible the deaf child's mind. One can even logically argue that it is easier to introduce speech and lip-reading to a deaf child who already has some language than to one who has absolutely no language concepts.

Approximately the same observation was made by Dr. Harris L. Taylor in his article, "The Missing Mind," in the May, 1937, issue of *American Annals of the Deaf*. To quote him, "I would recall some deaf children of intelligent deaf parents; these children came to school with a mental development far greater than that of other deaf children with approximately equal ability. It was true that these deaf children of deaf parents were developed through the sign language, but it was equally true that they excelled in oral school work. Their school progress was more rapid on account of their development. If so much could be done through the sign language, why could not more be done by using English from the beginning?"

Another inference that could be made is that the deaf child who is trained by a medley of signs and finger-spelled words is in a much better position, both

mentally and linguistically, to begin school work than one who starts from scratch. If the signs and words are uniformly used in the same grammatical order as spoken language, the child is vastly that much better prepared.

The story of how my parents endowed me, a totally deaf child, with practically the same language background that the average normal hearing child enjoys before entering school is of special interest only to myself and to the few who have wondered how it was done. It does establish a few facts, and it does open the way for some discussion. But since (a) it was written from a subjective point of view, and (b) it is an isolated case, it cannot be taken seriously by the profession.

However, if one were to make out a list of at least fifty (one hundred or more would be better) congenitally deaf people with unusually good command of English and—

(1) Inquire very closely into the means by which they were enabled to conquer their language handicaps.

(2) Prepare a detailed study of each case, presenting all relevant data available.

(3) Get as much corroborative evidence for each case history as possible.

(4) Point out similarities and differences.

(5) Analyze, draw conclusions and offer constructive recommendations.

Then the findings of such a study would carry considerable weight, especially if it were undertaken under the scientific guidance of a responsible educational institute—for example, the Department of Special Education of a leading University. It is my opinion that a research project along that line will more likely than not uncover some highly interesting and significant data on the language problem of the deaf.

Gallaudet Graduates Largest Class

The largest graduating class in the history of Gallaudet College took degrees at the 86th commencement exercises on May 27. Included among the graduates were recipients of forty-seven academic degrees, five of which were honorary.

Principal speaker at the exercises, held in historic Chapel Hall, on Kendall Green, was Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, Special Consultant to the Commissioner of Education, U. S. Office of Education, who last year made a study exploring the possibilities of expansion of the college in meeting the needs of higher education for the deaf.

Officiating at the conferring of degrees was Albert W. Atwood, President of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf; President Leonard M. Elstad, Dean Irving S. Fufeld, Dean Elizabeth Peet, Professor H. Hughes, and Professor William J. McClure.

Members of the senior class included students from twenty-three states and the District of Columbia. Eight members of the Normal Training class received master's degrees, and Miss Livingston Patton, a well-known teacher of the deaf, was granted a certificate.

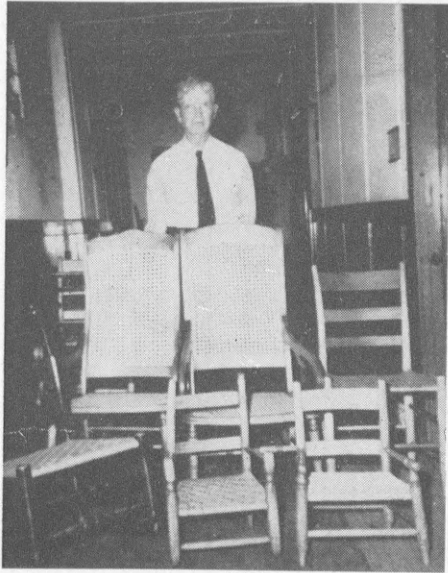
Taras Bruce Denis, a senior from New York, was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree "with distinction," the only member of the class being so honored. Mr. Denis will teach in the Alabama school next year.

Of special interest to the deaf was the awarding of an honorary Master of Arts degree to David Peikoff, a 1929 graduate of the college. Peikoff, president of the Ontario Association of the Deaf, has been widely acclaimed for several years as leader of the Canadian deaf, and has recently become active in the N.A.D., assisting in the campaign for the Endowment Fund. He is vice president of the Gallaudet Alumni Association and of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

An honorary Master of Science degree was awarded to Edwin E. Maczkowske, of the Class of 1922, in recognition of his achievements as a chemist with the National Bureau of Standards.

Herbert E. Day, a former professor and once superintendent of the Missouri School for the Deaf, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters was conferred upon Daniel C. Cloud, superintendent of the Illinois School, and Elizabeth Peet, dean of women at Gallaudet. Dr. Peet was recently selected as the outstanding dean among American colleges. She is completing her 50th year at Gallaudet.



Luther Morris of Danville, Kentucky,
Chair Caner

Kentuckian Excels In Ancient Craft

Luther Morris, a well-known deaf Kentuckian, is said to be one of three chair-caners remaining in Danville, Ky.

In the accompanying picture, he is shown with some chairs in which he recently installed new yellow cane bottoms and backs. He has set new cane bottoms in an estimated 250 chairs and rockers during the past year, which would seem to prove the demand for skilled craftsmanship in this line is far from extinct.

The skilled caner, who does four types of bottom on chairs, engages exclusively in this craft. His business is conducted at his home.

Mr. Morris taught carpentry at both the Kentucky School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the Deaf. His service at the Kentucky school extended over the years between 1920 and 1935. For the past six years he has been in trade as a carpenter and as an independent contractor, building many residences and business buildings in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jonesboro, Ark. Between 1904 and 1920 he resided in Oklahoma Indian Territory, before this territory became a state. Mr. Morris loves to recall the experiences he had in those days, while following his trade in the West.

He was born near Wingo, Graves County, Ky., May 29, 1873. He studied at the Kentucky school from 1882 to 1894, under three superintendents: Dudley, Argo and Dr. Rogers. He married Miss Sallie Moore (now deceased), of London, Ky., on April 17, 1897. At present Mr. Morris resides in the apartment of his daughter, Mrs. Jean Morris Brewsaugh.

—JAMES F. ROYSTER

CHILDREN OF THE DEAF

... This One Aspired To A Singing Career

As a mere tot Betty McFarlane loved to sing, seemingly unaware that her parents, being deaf, could not enjoy music as other people did. Often at meal-time she would stand on her chair and call for attention in signs that meant, "Now listen and I'll sing for you." Then she would expressively render some song that she had learned in kindergarten, and her "optience" would give her at least a nod of approval.

Betty's enthusiasm for vocal music ran so high that on occasion it proved embarrassing—though not to her. A group of singers from Wheaton College, Ill., were holding evangelistic meetings in the town, and her parents dropped in with her at one of them, letting her stand between them on a seat in the rear. The singing became so captivating that she could not refrain from joining in. When it stopped, she sang right on, distracting the attention of the attendants and momentarily "stealing the show" from the chorus.

While she was still a kindergarten pupil, Betty's teacher, who specialized in music, put her on an exhibit program for a solo. When the well-coached pupil came on the stage and caught sight of the large crowd, she was a bit shy, but as soon as the pianist struck up an accompaniment, she went on with her part and apparently carried her audience with her.

The young aspirant's enthusiasm for singing continued and as an



Betty McFarlane in a dress she made
as a home economics student.

elementary pupil she was called on to sing in a radio broadcast from her school. But what obstacles confront those who grasp at the seemingly unattainable in choosing a calling!

As to the attainments of the subject of this sketch, now a senior in Talladega High School—she is president of the local F.T.A. (Future Teachers of America) and has the honor of leading the class in Home Economics at her school.

Betty plans to enter Alabama College at Montevallo next September, where she will major in Elementary Education. On completing her college course, she expects to take the normal course at Gallaudet, her parents' alma mater, preparatory to entering the teaching profession.



Above is Betty at the age of three and
a half.

National Association of the Deaf

BYRON B. BURNES, *President*

ROBERT M. GREENMUN, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Resolutions

Persons desiring information as to some of the functions of the N.A.D. might consult the recently published proceedings of the Cleveland convention. In it they will find resolutions outlining certain activities to receive the attention of the present administration, and they will find other measures which were referred to the Executive Board for action.

One resolution brings to the front an entirely new field of endeavor. It is as follows:

Parent Relationship—Whereas, the field of relationship and interchange of information between the National Association of the Deaf and the parents of deaf children is relatively untouched, be it

Resolved. That the National Association of the Deaf establish a committee to (a) cultivate the formation of parents' associations everywhere; (b) and to cooperate with these associations with all means at N.A.D. disposal; to present to these parents the viewpoint of the adult deaf on what can and should be done for deaf children.

If this resolution is properly carried out, the Association will find it necessary to provide information for thousands of parents. In this manner it can do a vast amount of good in counteracting misleading propaganda which too frequently reaches the hands of parents.

Other resolutions calling for N.A.D. action include one urging state associations of the deaf to work for enactment of legislation designed to eradicate the peddling evil. The N.A.D. is already at work on this, and it seeks the cooperation of state associations.

Another resolution urges superintendents of schools for the deaf to take some step toward instructing pupils in the correct use of the sign language.

The old question of reorganization was brought up again when a motion was adopted requiring the Association to request state associations to submit suggestions as to reorganization.

This is but an inkling as to some of the activities requiring the attention of the present administration. In order to carry out these measures properly, in addition to many others which come into the hands of the Board, it is necessary that the Association have an office of its own and a full-time working staff. That is why the major objective of the present administration and the one before it is the campaign to increase the Endowment Fund.

Membership Committee Taking Shape

Second Vice President Reuben I. Altizer, Chairman of the Membership Committee, has begun lining up assistants to lead the drive for members and as soon as he has a complete roster, a nation-wide appeal will be made for new members. With the thousands of deaf in the United States, there is no reason why the N.A.D. can not boast of ten thousand members.

Chairman Altizer plans to divide the country into twelve Regions, with twelve regional chairmen heading the membership campaign. At this time two have accepted. They are Harry V. Jarvis of Region I (New England), and H. L. Baynes of Region IV (S. C., Ga., Fla., Ala., and Tenn.) Others have been asked to head the other regional committees and they will be announced as acceptances are received.

Anyone willing to assist in the drive for members is invited to offer his services by writing to Reuben I. Altizer, 1625 Colonial Terrace, Arlington, Virginia.

Report from Committee on Increasing Endowment Fund

\$32,108.35 IN CASH.

3,500.00 IN PLEDGES!!

140.00 IN LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES!!!

\$35,748.35 TOTAL!!!!

An increase of \$1086.00 over last month . . . as well as 33 additional life members.

Among the list of contributors, you will find that the Trenton, New Jersey Branch of the N.A.D. has turned over its assets to the Endowment Fund . . . \$351.81 . . . and the Union League of the Deaf of New York City contributed \$25.00

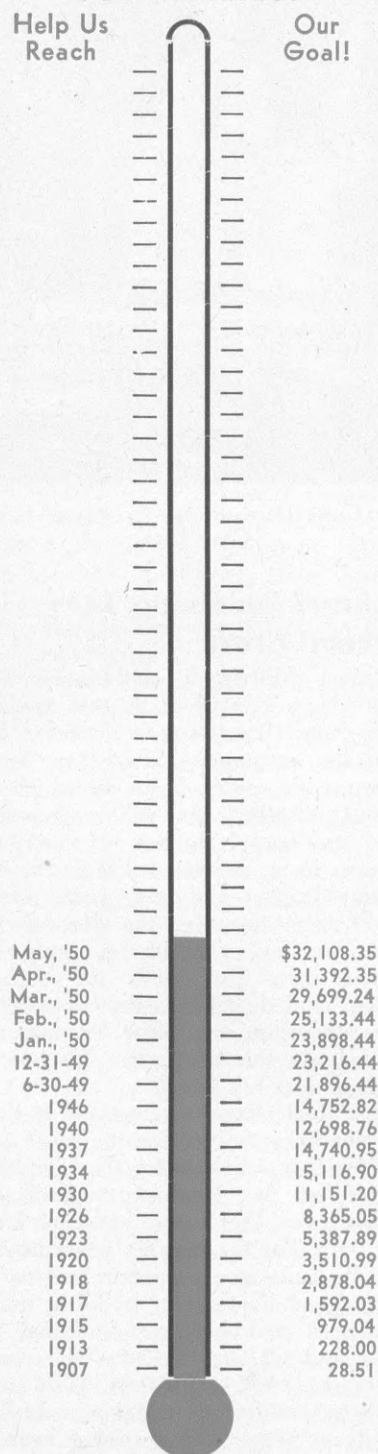
We have two new additions to the Committee—Miss M. Jean Folsom of Washington, D. C.—and she already has compiled quite a list of prospects; also Seymour M. Gross of New York City who is also making up his list.

A very heart-warming letter came in recently (name withheld by request) with a check for \$100.00 for membership in the N.A.D. Century Club. The writer wrote in substance: "Due to certain circumstances I am giving up my proposed trip to Washington, D. C. in June; therefore, my check for \$100 (for what the expenses of the trip would have been) will be much better for the N.A.D. Fund." Wonderful attitude, isn't it?

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IN THE DEAF WORLD

WESLEY LAURITSEN, *Editor*

A Participating Partnership

"A religion which makes the greatest demands will in the final analysis evoke the greatest response. Christianity asks for everything.

"A religion which demands nothing is not a religion. It is a subterfuge to selfishness." Thus ran the first two paragraphs of a sermon on "A Participating Partnership" that we recently read.



WESLEY LAURITSEN

Many of us are on the sidelines. We just watch the other fellow play. We are content to "Let George do it." The privilege of participating is great. This is true in religion as well as in all other things. The many who participate in producing *THE SILENT WORKER* have a privilege, a challenge. They are part of a Participating Partnership, working without pay.

This month we are pleased to have as our "guest speaker" the Rev. John W. Stallings, Jr., of Norfolk, Virginia. Rev. Stallings, the son of deaf parents, breathes enthusiasm. He is the pastor of two churches and superintendent of the Christian Deaf Fellowship. This requires extensive travelling and much correspondence in the supervision of the work and placing of workers. The Christian Deaf Fellowship is interdenominational, working with all churches and denominations to spread the Word of God among the deaf.

One of the privileges of the Christian Deaf Fellowship is a sign language

teacher-interpreter in Central Bible Institute Seminary, Springfield, Missouri. There students are given the opportunity to learn the sign language, and the deaf are given the opportunity to attend a Seminary.

The Glad Tidings Church

Glad Tidings Church for the Deaf of Norfolk, Virginia, was organized fourteen years ago, by the Pastor, Rev. John W. Stallings, Jr. It has been the only regularly conducted church for the deaf of Tidewater, Virginia, for these many years. It is an inter-denominational group endeavoring to serve the spiritual needs of all those of the Protestant Faith.

Thomas Sebrell, the president of this class, is qualified not only to lead the class, but assists in the teaching when it is necessary for the pastor to be away. The slogan of this group is "Evangelize," make known the Gospel to the deaf. That is why, sometimes as often as twice a month, you may find the services conducted by the president, while the pastor is away preaching Christ to others among the deaf. However, you might find the pastor in the pulpit while the president is away teaching Christ to another group of the deaf.

On Thursday evenings, this group is studying the Bible course, "God's Plan of the Ages."

Newport News, Virginia, being a short distance from Norfolk, makes it possible for Rev. Stallings to minister to this group also. The leader of the group there is Mrs. Musie Ballard, who regularly teaches the Sunday School lesson.



C. D. F. Bible Class, Newport News, Va., at church entrance.

The Flying Parson

The flying parson to the deaf has arrived! The Reverend A. G. Leisman, of Milwaukee, flies across Lake Michigan on the fourth Sunday of each month to minister to the deaf at Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. It takes just an hour to fly across the lake and he saves twelve hours of travel time on the round trip. Trainfare around the lake is about the same as plane fare. At the January services there were about fifty at the Grand Rapids church while eighteen attended at Kalamazoo.

Forgiving Is Divine

The story about the Ephphatha Church in the January issue said, "Every Sunday there is a church picnic." The copy sent to the printer said, "Every summer there is a church picnic." We do not know whether this was an error on the part of printers and proof readers or they were trying to create a humorous situation. However, to err is human, to forgive divine, so we choose to forgive whoever is responsible for the mistake. We kept a carbon of article, so know the error did not originate in the office of the church editor. No doubt many got a good chuckle out of it.

New Congregation

The deaf Lutherans of the Madison area have recently been organized into a congregation, and a call will be sent in soon for a new minister to take the place of Rev. M. Mueller, who desires to devote his entire time to the Milwaukee district.

Members of the church council are R. W. Horgen, Robert Pagel, Raymond Rasmus, Thomas Hansen, Eric Sampson and Arthur Hanson. Horgen is president; T. Hansen, v-pres.; Pagel, sec'y.; Rasmus, treas.; A. Hanson, financial sec'y.



Left, inside picture of Glad Tidings Church, Norfolk, Va.

Sermon of the Month . . . Fearless Faith

By JOHN W. STALLINGS, JR.

Superintendent Christian Deaf Fellowship

There is a fear among men today, that grips their hearts, from which there seems to be no relief. For we are moving from one crisis directly into another. We know this fear exists, for we have had opportunity of late to talk with many in every walk of life, from the juvenile thinker to the scholar and perhaps you ask, what is the remedy for the fear that men feel today? I shall endeavor to answer both of these questions in their order.



Rev. J. W. Stallings

First, the cause . . . the age in which we live is moving at a very rapid pace, culminating the gentile age, which will usher in the momentous return of Christ, to catch away His waiting Church into heaven. The pressure that men feel is Satanic, for he knows his time is limited now in the work of turning men away from God. Children these days are keyed up to the breaking point, and many are having what is termed "nervous breakdowns." Men who never think of God or attend church, have a feeling that something is about to happen. But, they know not what it is. Hypertension has become rather a common word for the Doctors of Medicine, as they attempt to treat the frayed and bedraggled nerves of their patients. They tell them, "You must slow down," but that doesn't help, for there is a fear in their hearts of, they know not what. Never, in history, has there been so much heart failure among men. It is the number one killer of the

day. Why? Because men are afraid of those things that are coming on the earth. It seems that all things are unsettled and nothing is permanent. The A-Bomb and the H-Bomb have men's hearts aflutter, for fear it will be accidentally exploded somewhere near them. There is a fear that grips men today, but thanks be unto God, there is a remedy . . .

Jesus said, "Why are ye fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" (Mark 4:40) When the disciples were afraid as the boat was rocking in the contrary winds, lest they be lost and die in the tempest, Jesus spoke to the winds and the waves, and they obeyed Him. There was peace and calm, as a result of His words. The remedy . . . is Faith in the words of Jesus. Faith in Him is believing what He says and in Him. Faith in Him is the remedy for fear. Churches that bear the name of Jesus our Lord dot our fair land, stand as a living evidence of Faith in Him. Many many, pass their doors never looking in, where the Gospel of Faith is given out to all who will receive it. The Holy Bible is the best seller in the book stores, and can be purchased in most five and ten cent stores all over America. Most people have one hidden away somewhere; of course many never read it. In its pages is the living Word of Faith in Jesus Christ, that relieves and cures fear.

The great number of churches, the abundance of Holy Bibles, the very Providence that leads you to read this, also stirs me to ask, "Why are ye fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" Mark 4:40. "Be not afraid, only believe." Mark 5:36.

It Can Be Done

Silas Hirte, who in May, 1949 was ordained an Episcopal minister to the deaf, is believed to be the first person born deaf to be ordained a minister of the gospel. The young man, 29 years of age, was graduated from Gallaudet College in 1946 and is a shining example of what a deaf man can do if he has enough determination. Wisconsin claims Silas as her native son. The Rev. Otto Berg and the Rev. A. G. Leisman are two other deaf Wisconsin men who are ordained ministers in the Episcopal Church.

Gen. MacArthur on Christianity

Recently the Right Reverend Michael H. Yashiro, of Japan, wrote of MacArthur's sayings to him and to other Christians. The book is called "General MacArthur on Christianity." Twenty thousand copies have been sold.

Church news and pictures should be sent to Wesley Lauritsen, Minnesota School for the Deaf, Faribault, Minn. Copy should be typewritten and double spaced.

Memorial Tribute to Rev. Arthur Otto Steidemann

Utterly beyond our ken are the ways of the Eternal Father. A flower blooms colorfully, diffuses its fragrance to the four winds, then vanishes. A man does brilliant work for the cause of humanity, then his earthly life's book is abruptly closed.

We lift our eyes to the myriad stars and stand awed by their infinite majesty. We see in the smile of a baby a sublime likeness which can best be described as divine.

It is part of the Great Plan that we must go the way of the flesh, but that we also go the way of the resurrected Christ, from whom that mysterious force shines so brilliantly. We mourn a loss temporarily; spiritually we are reassured.

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." In these consoling words, though we mourn that which is lost because it is so difficult to replace, we sense that life is not in vain. We learn also that man is not the captain of his soul. Freely it is given him to create usefulness out of his being, but the life in him is not his own.

And since our late revered brother has left us a void, too deep to be filled at once, it is in the sense of personal loss that we reflect on the heights to which a man is capable of rising, created as he is in the image of God, and in such reflection we are conscious not only of the warmth of a great heart which once pulsed in our midst but also of the will of God that the good work shall be carried on. Sorrow reveals the unbroken chain of Christ's mission.

Wherefore, the Conference of Church Workers Among the Deaf of the Protestant Episcopal Church mourns the loss of one of its most beloved and active members, the Reverend Arthur Otto Steidemann, vicar of St. Thomas' Mission at St. Louis, Missouri, who departed this life on Sunday, February 28, 1950, seven days short of his sixty-seventh year.

As a clergyman he loved his work no less than he loved God. As treasurer of the Conference for twelve years up to June, 1949, when he declined reelection because of failing health, he was largely instrumental in bringing to the Conference a healthy financial complex. As husband and father he left nothing to be desired in making life happy and comfortable for his family.

Mr. Steidemann was a priest for 22 years up to the time of his death. Prior to entering the ministry he was an architect by profession. That magic wand touched him and he felt he could serve his Master, the Architect of the Universe, better by drafting souls for Him.

Through the years he has helped fashion the lives of innumerable deaf people. The measurements and calculations he applied were taken from the Holy Bible. Since man is in a sense the architect of his own destiny, it may be said with candor that when Mr. Steidemann's earthly life was finished a beautiful structure was completed, from which may light shine and grow brighter with the years.

It is with meek hearts, realizing as we do the immeasurable and unsearchable riches of Christ stand far above any expression of tender thoughts on our part, that we pay this tribute to a real servant and cause it to be sent to the bereaved family, to be spread upon the records of the Conference, and to be published in various periodicals of the deaf as well.

Requiescat in pace.

April 10, 1950.

A. G. LEISMAN
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Gallaudet President Attends European Conclave

President Leonard M. Elstad of Gallaudet College left June 1 for Gronigen, The Netherlands, to attend the International Congress of Educators of the Deaf in that city on June 5-10.

The educator will be the only American speaker at the Congress, and will deliver a paper on "Higher Education of the Deaf."

"The opportunity to give a paper on the higher education of the deaf carries with it an almost imperative obligation," Mr. Elstad states. "Gallaudet is the only college for the deaf in the world. Its story should be told to representatives attending a world-wide conference of teachers of the deaf."

Dr. Elstad has been president of Gallaudet for five years. Before that he served as superintendent of the Minnesota School for the Deaf; and as principal of the Wright Oral School in New York City.

He plans to visit schools for the deaf on the Continent and in Great Britain, gathering valuable information on European methods of instruction of the deaf.

Ohio Book Still Available

A useful reference work, "Graduation Classes of the Ohio School for the Deaf, 1869-1949," compiled by Ralph E. Lin Weber, is still available to research workers and others interested.

The booklet contains information on 860 graduates of the Ohio School. Also included are a list of Gallaudet College entrants from Ohio, with dates of attendance, and a list of related graduates. The full married names of women graduates are given. Deceased alumni are identified by asterisks. Illustrations consist of photographs of the present school buildings, with dates of erection, and of all superintendents, principals and senior class teachers.

Lin Weber, a resident of Toledo and an alumnus of the Ohio School, is also the compiler of a 385-page book, "Toledo Baseball Guide of the Mudhens." This volume covers the records of 1340 professional baseball players in Toledo, from 1883 to 1943.

Copies of the Ohio School reference booklet may be obtained by sending \$2.25 to Ralph E. Lin Weber, 1916 Cove Street, Toledo, Ohio.

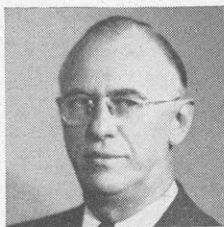
Gallaudet Students Present Fashion Show on Television

Students of Gallaudet College gave a fashion show May 12, on Station WOIC-TV, Washington, D. C., from 5 to 5:15 p.m.

The girls, who modeled dresses, suits and gowns designed and executed in classes at the college, were Darlene Darrah, a sophomore of Newton, Iowa; Eldora Lux, a senior of St. Paul, Minn.; Betty Lydick, a freshman of Indiana, Penn.; Theresa Connors, a sophomore of San Francisco, Calif.; Mildred Mayfield, a sophomore of Dallas, Texas; Bernice Quarry, a freshman of Leo Valley, Tenn.; Frances Marcella Carter, a senior of Elmer, Mo., and Almeda Drummond, a sophomore of Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Elva F. Loe, instructor in home economics, served as director of the show and commentator. Gertrude Scott, a junior of Washington, D. C., interpreted in the language of signs.

The show was opened by Mrs. Agnes Oftedal, head of the home economics department, who gave a brief history of the college.



ken's korner

by MARCUS L. KENNER

Vale! In the passing of Mrs. Alice T. Terry we have lost a valiant champion who has steadfastly and unselfishly labored for our cause. To her devoted husband, Howard, and family, the sympathy of a host of friends is extended. She is gone, but the inspiration of her life of service will ever remain. Good night, friend,—and good bye!

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From Dr. Harris Taylor: "I was reading 'Ken's Korner' about Prince Jaime, the deaf son who had renounced his right to the Spanish throne. That brings to mind a visit from the physician to the King of Spain many years ago. He came to see me in regard to the instruction of this deaf boy. I could not speak Spanish, and this physician could not speak English; but we could talk through Miss Zoe Laparte, a teacher of sewing at the Lexington School. She and the physician, whose name I have now forgotten, could both speak French, and in that way I was able to communicate with him. We had quite a talk about school work, and he visited a

number of the classes. Your mention of this boy as he was then, brings to mind the incident I have just recounted."

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Miss Margaret Truman, the President's daughter, had an article in the *Saturday Evening Post* stating the reasons for her musical career. One paragraph cited the need for complete rest, especially of the vocal organs, a couple of hours before appearing for a recital. During that period, she refrains from speech and uses little "sign-language." In a gallant effort to help a gal in distress, I commended her ambition and sent her a couple of our Alphabet cards. Following is her response:

"Dear Mr. Kenner: Thank you very much for your letter. It was thoughtful of you to let me know that you were interested in my story, and I am glad you feel that I was right in pursuing my chosen career. Thank you, too, for the copies of the American Manual Alphabet.

"With appreciation of your good wishes, I am,

Most sincerely,
"MARGARET TRUMAN"

Ups and Downs: The Missus and I are "cliff dwellers"; that is, we are perched on the 15th floor of a New York apartment house. When guests depart after midnight, they generally face a sign in the hall, announcing, "Elevator Not Running." We allay their fear of trudging down 15 flights and lead them to one on the other side which is running.

Imagine our own discomfiture, several weeks ago, when *both* elevators were not operating because of a general elevator strike! So, there we were, marooned in our own "Korner"—compelled to stay home a bit more and get acquainted with our surroundings. I accomplished the feat of walking down 15 floors. But, walk up? Would you? If you must know, a certificate from the medico, plus a liberal greasing of the operator's palm, helped considerably.

Dr. Elizabeth Peet, Dean of Women and Professor of Romantic Languages, has finally retired from Gallaudet College, having rounded out half a century of devoted service. Do you suppose she is going to join the Rocking Chair Brigade? Not on your life! On a recent visit to the College, she informed me of her cherished plan to write a book on "The Sign Language." Let us hope that her ambition will be realized—and soon. How about the N.A.D., State and Alumni Associations sponsoring this project?

SWinging 'round the nation

MINNESOTA . . .

Our Minnesota correspondent, Leo Latz, Minneapolis, is riding around in a '50 Chevrolet these days, after making a trade with his old '40 model. Leo says the new car will transport the Latz family to the annual GCAA reunion.

Other new car owners are Lloyd Carlson, who just recently acquired a '50 Ford, blue custom sedan, and Mrs. Petra Howard, a '50 Chevrolet four door sedan.

A farewell party in honor of Mrs. Theresa Wenger of Faribault was given by Mrs. B. L. Winston, May 14. Mrs. Wenger is leaving the teaching profession to live permanently in Utah with Mr. Wenger.

Fred Brant was 80 years young on May 1. A surprise party was given Fred when his fellow employees on the night shift of the Minneapolis *Star* and *Tribune* presented him with gifts.

The local Frat picnic takes place July 30 at Costello's picnic grounds located at Cedar and 92nd Streets. Gordon L. Allen is chairman.

A dinner for the benefit of the 1952 Midwest Basketball Tournament fund was held on April 30 at Thompson Hall. Over 150 persons attended and Ed Saba and Sam Sagel saw that everyone enjoyed himself. A sum of around \$160 was realized during the evening.

The Rev. Homer Grace of Denver, Colo., made his regular monthly visit to Minneapolis and dropped in at Thompson Hall where he is always a welcome visitor. The following day, Sunday, he conducted services for the deaf at Gethsemane Episcopal Church.

Minneapolis' lady bowlers have cancelled plans to attend the annual tournament in Syracuse, due to financial difficulties caused by unemployment which is becoming most widespread hereabouts. However, they have hopes of making the trip next year.

On March 24 at Thompson Hall, a bridal shower was tendered Miss Maycel Anderson who will become the bride of Robert Clark of St. Cloud this summer. Mrs. William Berg and Mrs. Conrad Setran were hostesses to a large number of young ladies and gifts were piled around the blushing Miss Anderson. She received almost everything except a cook book, though we are

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stinson and son Norman of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Joe, a painter employed by the Tulsa Board of Education, is president of the Tulsa Club, captain of the bowling team, and on the committee for the Okla. Assn. of the Deaf convention this summer. Mrs. Stinson is the former Cora Pebworth.

Mrs. Geraldine Fail, News Editor, has acquired the services of two capable assistants. Serving the Eastern States region will be:

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Miss Harriett Booth
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Information about births, deaths, marriages and engagements should be mailed to the Vital Statistics Editor:

Mrs. Richard J. Jones
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pretty certain she can cook without such help. A few young men were seen in the background and they are casting some envious glances at Robert.

John Staska, one of the counselors at MSD, his son, and Delbert Erickson, MSD printing instructor, were victims of an automobile accident April 9 while driving back to Faribault after a weekend spent in Moorhead. Nearing St. Cloud, John somehow lost control of his car and was hit head on by an on-coming car. Delbert, asleep in the rear seat was thrown clear but knocked unconscious and John's son received several face lacerations. John himself escaped unhurt. Delbert spent ten days in the hospital in St. Cloud.

OKLAHOMA . . .

Pupils at the Oklahoma school have been receiving instructions in the operating of motor vehicles by Supt. and Mrs. Hall. Each and every one of them has taken the required drivers examinations, coming through with flying colors.

Mrs. J. R. Whitesides of MacAlester has recovered from a bout with pneumonia, and her many friends are happy to learn that she is up and about again.

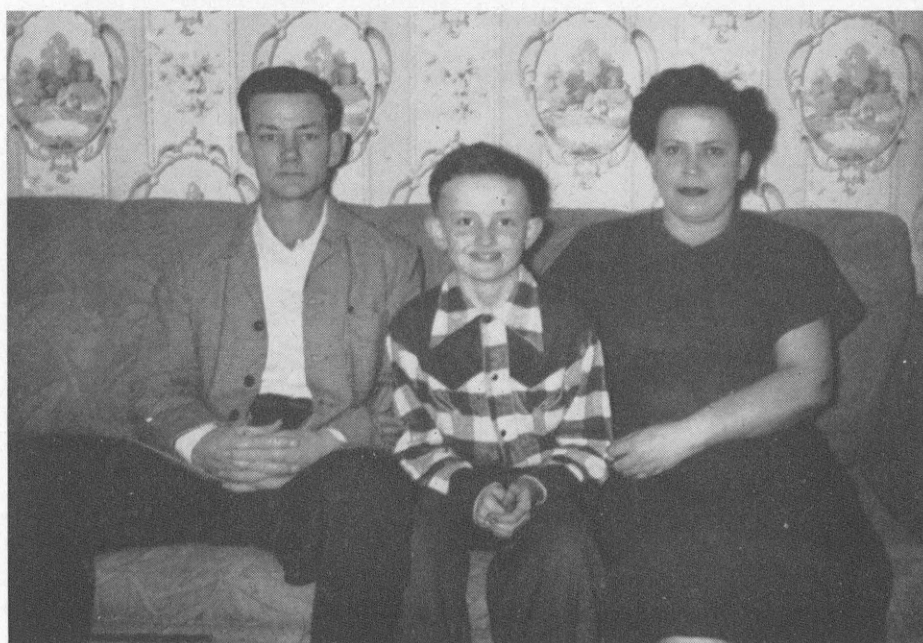
The recent bowling tournament in Oklahoma City was quite an affair and Dallas took all the honors. Teams from Wichita, Kans., Kansas City, Mo., Little Rock, Ark., Ft. Worth and Austin, Texas, were represented. Bowling is becoming more than ever a popular recreation and the day may come when it will surpass basketball.

Guy Calame has been placed in charge of the painting of the Veterans Hospital which is located just south of Sulphur, Okla. It means permanent employment for Guy and he is very happy about it.

After forty-two years of service to the deaf of Oklahoma, Mrs. Edith B. Hayes is retiring from the staff of the Oklahoma school. A touching editorial appeared in the April issue of the *Deaf Oklahoman*, praising Mrs. Hayes upon her long service to the school. She will be sorely missed when the school reopens this fall.

GEORGIA . . .

Excitement is running high in and around Georgia in anticipation of the



SWinging . . .

GAD's 40th Convention which meets June 30, to July 3 in Savannah. Visitors can expect to be royally entertained. Official interpreter will be Mrs. M. M. Simmons. Following the convention, Mrs. Simmons plans to depart for San Francisco, Calif., where she will enjoy a much deserved vacation. Many of you remember Mrs. Simman's father, the late Reverend Freeman of Atlanta and Cave Springs.

Atlanta Div. 28, NFSD held its 40th Anniversary banquet May 20, under the direction of John R. Davis. Members were encouraged a great deal in their drive for new members when Brother Rittenberry of Birmingham delivered a stirring "pep-talk." Another distinguished visitor was Edwar M. Winecoff of Winson-Salem, N. C. who also addressed the chauteur and took photographs during the evening. Especially honored was Leon B. Dickerson, the sole remaining charter member of Div. 28. Leon recalled interesting anecdotes and tendered a brief history of the division much to everyone's enjoyment. Among those present from Birmingham were Jimmy Garrett, Herbert Dennis, Billy Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Uewman Wright.

Mrs. Sam Dupree entertained her sister Mrs. Jack Allen, and young son, of Washington, D. C., during May when Mrs. Allen stopped in Atlanta following a visit to Miami, Fla.

Another visitor in town was Mrs. E. J. Laiche, nee Sallie Davis of Atlanta, who now resides in Baton Rouge, La. Mrs. Laiche is the sister of Mrs. Joe Matthews.

Leon B. Dickerson paid a delightful visit to Nashville, Tenn., during April. There he shook the hand of Charlie Crutcher, who taught Leon the printing trade in Tullahoma, Tenn., many years ago. Mr. Crutcher retires next year from the Nashville *Banner*, and will head for California where he will live in retirement.

A portrait of the late Rev. J. W. Michael will be unveiled during the summer, under the direction of the Michael Mission at the palatial home of Mrs. Betty Brittain. Reverend Michael died in Little Rock, Ark. after many years of work among the deaf. He was 94.

OREGON . . .

Miss Earle Balfor, who used to go to school with Mrs. Clifton Toombs, nee Lucille Hansen, in Minnesota, is living in Corvallis with her sister and brother-in-law. She works in a picture shop, developing pictures, and says that

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Banquet of the Southern Minnesota Club, Albert Lea, Minn., April 22, 1950.

Southern Minnesota Club Banquet

By WESLEY LAURITSEN

Outstanding social event of the year among the deaf of Minnesota was the Fifteenth Anniversary Banquet of the Southern Minnesota Club, held at Hotel Albert, Albert Lea, on Saturday evening, April 22, with almost two hundred seated about the festive board. They came from all parts of Minnesota, from Iowa, and South Dakota. Norman Oja came from Hibbing, and Gerald Nygren came from Brainerd. The largest delegation came from the Twin Cities in a chartered bus and many private cars. Five cars brought Faribault people. The large attendance was due to the fact that all Southern Minnesota sponsored events during the past fifteen years had been of a high order. The beautiful Spanish Room of the Albert Hotel was an ideal place for this great event.

After full justice had been done to an excellent menu featuring roast young tom turkey with all the trimmings, a full evening of entertainment was provided. Neil Jensen, of Austin, president of the S.M.C., introduced the toastmaster of the evening, Swan Svenningson, of Alden. Then "America the Beautiful" was signed by Mrs. J. Howard Johnson, of New Ulm. The address of welcome was given by Mayor James C. Nelson, of Albert Lea. Superintendent Howard M. Quigley, of the Minnesota School for the Deaf, made an address in which he told of the work being done and being planned at the school.

Dr. Oliver Bearhs, a physician at the Mayo Clinic, who is a magician of note on the side, gave an exhibition of his

skill, pumping milk from Neil Jensen's elbow and baffling the fastest eye with his many tricks. Herman von Hippel, president of the Minnesota Association of the Deaf, followed with an address "Chapter M.A.D." and then Ray Perkins, of St. Paul, a past president of the SMC gave a talk on "The Right to Wear Long Pants." A poem "Southern Minnesota Club" written especially for the occasion by Mrs. La Reine Lauritsen was then signed by Mrs. Edna Potter. Beautiful souvenir programs and a copy of the poem were at each banquet plate.

Impromptu speeches were made by Wesley Lauritsen, Faribault, Joe Myklebust, Sioux Falls, Gordon Allen, Minneapolis, Maurice Potter, Windom, Palmer Lee and Walter Poshusta, Iowa.

Final on program was a skit, "Cow Punchers," put on by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Supalla, John Suppala and Charles Leichteig.

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this kind of work is very interesting. She moved to Oregon from Minnesota last winter and did not know where Lucille lived, so she inquired at the school for the deaf in Salem. Lately she has often visited her during week-ends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mack moved their family to Salem from Scotts Mills. Mr. Mack is working in a garage in Salem and has been commuting back and forth for about two years. Now he lives about 14 blocks from work.

Lester Peterson, working in the woolen mill in Salem, used a new machine and accidentally caught his finger in the machine, breaking a tendon in his hand. His hand and arm have been in a cast for three weeks and he is now able to move his fingers. He has not been working for about two months.

On April 20 there was a box social, planned by Mr. Louis Houser and Mr. Olaf Tollefson for the Salem Chapter of the Oregon Association of the Deaf, in the Keizer Garage. They played several writing games, which were new to many of them. Numerous prizes were given for the best papers, three most beautiful lunch boxes, and as door prizes. The gentlemen bought the lunch boxes by number and ate with the ladies who prepared their own boxes. The box social seemed to be well enjoyed.

Then a meeting was called to order by President Lange. It was agreed by all to have no party or picnic in June because of the convention of the Oregon Association of the Deaf held on June 2, 3, and 4.

Mr. James Kluver worked in Vince's Electric shop in Salem for nearly one year. This shop was closed, and the manager laid off all the men except Mr. Kluver. He wanted to establish a shop in California, so he and his wife moved there. Mr. Kluver followed them, driving a truck with the electrical supplies in it.

Send Oregon News to Georgia Ulmer, 2030 Hazel Ave., Salem, Ore.

MARYLAND . . .

Mrs. Petersen, instructor of sewing at the colored department of the deaf in the Maryland School for the Blind at Overlea, will teach in the Rome School for the Deaf in New York, her home state, next fall. Mrs. Frank Rebal, an expert in dressmaking, will take her place. Her husband, who formerly taught shoe repairing there, is now a teacher in the West Virginia School for the Deaf. Their daughter Margaret will be graduated from the University of New Mexico in June.

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Exhibition of line drawings and perspective sketches showing the appearance of the new state school for the deaf to be built in Columbus drew one hundred and seventy-five to a Victory Social for the benefit of the Ohio Federation of Organizations of the Deaf. Held at the Greater Cincinnati Silent Club, May 20, the social was dominated by these drawings, which covered one whole wall of the third floor of the club.

Hilbert Duning, president of the O.F.O.D., obtained the sketches and drawings from the firm of architects doing the plans. He spent most of the evening explaining the salient points. The consensus of opinion was that the new school will be a marvelous place. Many bewailed the fact that they were born too soon to attend such a fine school.

Plans for the school are expected to reach completion within a month. Bids will then be asked, with actual work to start in the early fall if all goes well. Plans for the groundbreaking ceremony are being formulated. The actual building should be completed in two years.

Mainly, the new buildings will be of one-story construction, of smooth brick and cinder block, with ample window space. Cottages for the boys and girls and the school buildings will be of this height, while the administration building and that for members of the staff will be two stories high. The children's cottages will be grouped on either side of the administration building. All will be connected by covered ramps, so the children can go from building to building with comfort in inclement weather. The group of school and industrial buildings will be connected with the administration building by similar ramps.

There will be six cottages for boys and five for girls. The cottages for small children will accommodate 24 pupils in each dormitory, with separate rooms for house mothers. Older pupils will room two to a room, while intermediate students will room eight, six, or four to a room. Each cottage, in addition to rooms for the house mothers, will have a living room and small kitchenette. The units for the older boys and girls will have a laundry and ironing room.

Because the sum appropriated for the building fund is the same as before the war, it may not be possible to construct the auditorium and hospital at this time, due to greatly increased costs.

— RAY GRAYSON

SWinging . . .

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On March 18, Mrs. Jennie Whildin was tendered a delightful surprise party in honor of her eightieth birthday by her daughter, Olive, at their home. It was well attended in spite of a heavy downpour. Mrs. Whildin displayed with pride the exquisite pearl ring which Olive bought for her birthday in Korea last year.

Rev. Westermann was given a surprise birthday buffet supper by the Ladies Aid Society of the Lutheran Mission to the Deaf and also a cash gift by the mission on April 23. He comes to Baltimore twice a month and is almost always accompanied by his wife. Both of them are proficient in the use of the sign language.

On April 30 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schleibaum invited Mr. and Mrs. William Martini to come over to meet their son, Henry, who was home on a two-week furlough from sea duty. It turned out to be a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Martini.

The fourth annual play sponsored by the Silent Oriole Club at the Jewish Educational Alliances on the evening of May 7 and chairmanned by Leroy Amberg was a big success. On the program were a touching three-act drama, "The Door Key," and an exciting, amusing mystery, "Who Did It?" directed by Samuel McCarthy. The first piece was about a lawyer (Gerard Watson) who lost his memory and all his personal things except his door key in World War II and was helped by an army doctor (Samuel) to regain his memory. When he carried his steno-

grapher (Mrs. Watson) into their house after unlocking the front door with his key subconsciously and recollecting her as his own wife at the door, there were not many dry eyes in the audience. In the second piece, the city chief detective (Gerard) was found out by a FBI agent (Shelton Blumenthal) with the help of two other agents (John Geiger and Benjamin Myerovitz) to be the murdered bank president (William Cutchin) and a butler (Ward Colley) in the house of his old friend (Vincent DeMarco) who was so drunk everything happened right under his nose without his noticing anything. The FBI agent also proved that the detective was the one who robbed the bank, thus clearing the name of the father of a linotype operator (Leroy Amberg) who became an assistant to the detective after receiving a tip from his father in jail. When the FBI agent pointed to the detective as the guilty man, nearly all the people in the audience dropped their lower jaws in surprise. All these casts and the other ones (Mr. and Mrs. William Dilworth, Murray Rothstein, Mrs. Virginia Krichton and her daughter Alberta, Mrs. Margaret Amberg, Mrs. Marie McCarthy, and Mrs. Sue Everhart) were very good performers.

Send Maryland news to Elizabeth Moss, 5648 Woodmont Avenue, Baltimore 12, Maryland.

ARIZONA . . .

Vacation comes to the Arizona school May 26. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Neuman leave Tucson for Wisconsin on that date, and the deaf population of the town is expected to dwindle rapidly during early June. Paul Baldrige plans to continue working for his M.A. at the

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Rue Shurtz and Dotty Jo Rogers visited in Tucson May 7, from Phoenix. They were welcomed by their many friends and spent a most enjoyable Sunday.

The Tucson club held a big picnic among the lofty pines of Mt. Lemmon on May 21. The bill of fare offered delicious Mexican dishes at a moderate price.

Glenn Cluff skipped off to Utah for a "vacation" the middle of May. He insists it really was a vacation, but his friends are inclined to believe there was something "feminine" about the trip.

The Jack Cravens were the only ones around Tucson who took in the Nationals at Washington, D. C.

From Miami, Ariz., comes news that Matt Asanovich was involved in an accident not long ago. His automobile was completely demolished, though Matt himself escaped intact, much to his surprise. Matt's business, a tavern in Miami, is reported to be doing very well.

Earl and Babs Stevens passed through Tucson the latter part of April when they took Babs' mother on a visit to Nogales, Sonora. Our border neighbors are ever an interesting tourist attraction and Babs' mother found them truly fascinating.

Ralph Jordon has sent in applications to various schools in hope of securing a teaching position by the time school reopens in September. Ralph receives his bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona very soon.

Arizona news can be sent to Paul Baldridge at the school in Tucson.

TEXAS . . .

Visitors to Galveston recently have been Mr. and Mrs. Earle Poole and Bill Huggins of Los Angeles and Long Beach, California. Bill obligingly played the role of chauffeur for the Pooles, who have acquired a new '50 Hudson. While Mr. and Mrs. Poole visited with relatives, Bill journeyed north to Oklahoma where he visited his parents, then returned to Galveston and drove the Pooles back to the west coast. Bill has only one complaint to make. It takes a long, long time to drive across the state of Texas. (*A native Texan, we would like to tell Bill a favorite verse: The sun has riz, the sun has set, and here we is in Texas yet!—Ed.*)

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Troy Hill, Robert Hays, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hill of Dallas drove out to Lubbock April 14, to attend a meeting of the Lubbock chapter of the Texas Association. People were on hand from all over west Texas and Raymond White, president of the Lubbock chapter, saw to it that everyone had a good time. A platform rocker was raffled off and won by Robert Hays, who promptly donated it to the chapter. Troy auctioned the rocker off and netted the tidy sum of \$22, which went into the Lubbock coffers. Highest bidder was Richard Fair, who took the rocker home. President Louis B. Orrill of the TAD flew out by plane to attend the meeting. The Lubbock chapter's \$300 investment in the Dallas Club's Building Bonds gladdened the hearts of the Dallas visitors.

Mrs. Willie Brown is leaving Houston for California, where she will make her home with her son Robert in Los Angeles. The deaf of Houston will miss her greatly.

Deaf ladies of Ft. Worth have banded together and are organizing an NFSD Auxiliary. Those signing up as charter members are Mesdames M. Baker, L. R. Hiatt, C. Horton, Dick Hudson, Whitley Mayfield, J. T. Morton and Betsy Stanley. A meeting took place May 6 in the First National Bank Building.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abbott were surprised and happy when their son Jack, his wife and son, came down from Lawton, Okla., to spend a few days in Fort Worth with them. Jack is stationed in Lawton and may soon receive orders to sail for Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Beck are the proud owners of a home in San Antonio. Leonard's parents bought a new home and sold their old one to Leonard. Congratulations!

NEW YORK . . .

Believe it or not, Spencer Hoag travelled 1100 miles in less than eight days. Spencer drove a party of ladies to

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Shirley Morrison, wee Isabel Ryan, and Isabel Crawford, Highlanders.

New Yorkers Enjoy a Fling . . . Highland Fashion

Under the inspired direction of an imaginative committee, a Scottish Supper was held by the Brooklyn Protestant Guild of the Deaf, March 25.

The supper menu featured Scotch broth, beef mutton pie, haggis, sweet peas (not the floral variety), mince cake, and apple tart.

A graceful exhibition of Highland dancing was presented by the Misses Shirley Morrison, Isabel Crawford, and Wee Isabel Ryan. Afterwards, the group enjoyed a showing of a motion picture imported from Scotland. Decorations and programs carried out the Scottish theme.

Sadie Hicks, with the able assistance of her husband, Edmund, the Spencer Hoags, the MacLean family, Mrs. Mary Reston, Madge Finley, Dicksey Farmer, Charles Terry, Murial Dvorak, Calvin La Pierre, Perry Schwing, and several others, worked very hard to make the evening a success.

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—EDITH C. J. ALLERUP

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Prize winners and others at East Bay Club Chinese Night, Oakland, Calif. First prize won by Henry Bernard, in left photo, seated. Others, l. to r.: Mrs. Henry Miller, Henry Hauschildt, unidentified, Mike Skropeta, unidentified, Mrs. Leroy Pate, Claibourne Jackson, Mrs. Guy McKean, Guy McKean, Mrs. Elbert Dowling, Mr. Peixotto, Mrs. Wm. West, and William West. Photo at right shows Bernard's 30-foot dragon, which dragged down top prize. The legs under the jaw belong to Henry.

Club Has Chinese Night

April 29 was "Chinese Night" at the East Bay Club of the Deaf, Oakland, California, and the clubroom was appropriately decorated in a Chinese motif and Chinese characters were on the walls, probably sayings from Confucius. Costumed figures began to appear, a coolie with a costumed lady in a rickshaw, a farmer and his wife, other figures in gay kimonos and Chinese hats, a fisherman with his two bags of fish which he carried with a pole across his shoulders. There was a large crowd of onlookers gathered to watch the awarding of prizes to those having the best costumes. Many were surprised not to see Harry Bernard who had become famous for his varied costumes and winning of first prizes every time he appeared. Apparently he had decided to forego this event.

Suddenly, there was a scream near the door and eyes turned that way. A huge head of a paper dragon could be seen in the doorway. It was at least five feet wide, with a gaping mouth and red tongue protruding. Its eyes were huge and glaring. It almost seemed to belch forth fire. Slowly it edged into the room, drawing its long body behind, until it had circled the room.

As the first prize went to the dragon by unanimous consent, the maker emerged. Harry Bernard, of course. He had won again with his vivid imagination and clever hands.

Harry had spent weeks of his spare time in constructing the dragon from bamboo, paper, and other odds and ends. The eyes were abalone shells.

The committee in charge of the successful affair was made up of: Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo Cuengco, Leo Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Naftaly, Mrs. Arlie Taylor.

—EMIL S. LADNER

Swinging...

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the National Tournament in Washington, D. C. He travelled all over the state of Virginia during the following week, returning home April 8 in time to surprise Marion, his wife, and attend Easter sunrise services.

We learn belatedly that Berger Ericson was presented with a ten-year service pin from Arma Corporation last December and in February Charles Terry received a twenty-year service pin from Squibb and Co. Congratulations to both of you!

Mrs. Annie Cook and her good friend, Mrs. Chamberlain, left Pittsburgh, Pa., for East Orange, N. J., on March 31 to spend a delightful week with Mrs. Temple and to attend Easter services at St. Ann's Protestant Episcopal Church. Mrs. Cook had a wonderful week renewing old friendships, especially that of Elizabeth Anderson, whom she knew during their school days at Fanwood. Both Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Chamberlain are teachers at the school in Englewood, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bishop Donegan confirmed nine persons into membership of St. Ann's Church for the Deaf in St. Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie on April 12. He was as-

sisted by Rev. Dr. Edwin W. Nies, Vicar of St. Ann's, and Rev. Richard McEvoy, Rector of St. Mark's. Among the new confirmants are Mildred Stewart Fitzhugh, wife of Griffin Fitzhugh, and Mildred, daughter of Perry Schwing.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Edgar was christened Priscilla Raina on Friday, April 20, at the Church of the Heavenly Rest by the Rev. Dr. Henry Darlington. The godparents are Mrs. Leslie Hunt, Mrs. Richard J. Brown, and Daniel Van Cott. The child's mother is the former Pearl Jeanette Boggan of Elkhorn, Neb.

Perry Schwing has sold one of his six dogs to Norma Iverson. He now answers to the name of Rex. The dog, we mean!

Eleanor and Juan Font spent a four-day week-end in Washington, D. C., during the middle of April as the guests of the Alan Crammattes. They spent most of the time viewing the sights.

Georgette and Al Fleischman have moved to Washington, D. C., from Milwaukee, and Al is employed as linotype operator on the Washington Post. Al is a former New Yorker, an alumnus of P.S. 47 and the New York School for the Deaf. He was quite active in New

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York deaf social circles before moving west, where he met and married the former Georgette Duvall.

Ernest Schuster came up to New York from Washington, D. C., to bid his mother bon voyage on April 27, when she sailed from New York harbor bound for Haifa, Palestine. The next evening Ernest was the guest of the Juan Fonts, where he met Charles Terry and Edith Allerup. Edith bemoans the fact that she had to walk up eight flights of stairs to reach the Font apartment. New York's elevator operators were on strike at the time.

OHIO . . .

There has been quite a bit of activity at the Greater Cincinnati Silent Club of late, activity designed to keep alive the interest of the members.

Friday evening, April 14, members of the Women's Club played host at an anniversary supper served at the swank Hotel Gibson. As a special concession, husbands and boy-friends were invited to be present and they report a most pleasant evening.

The very next day Rosemary McHugh was chairman of a successful little card party for the benefit of the Cincinnati branch of the Ohio Deaf Motorists Association. Tasty refreshments were served and attractive prizes distributed among the lucky winners at various games.

On April 22, Alex McDade gave a showing of his fine color movie, "The Headless Avenger," much to the enjoyment of the members. Two weeks later, Eugene Carleton showed color movies taken on his recent vacation trip through the south. Both boys seem to be fine movie cameramen as the films were unusually good.

The recreation program of the club is well under way, with table tennis fast becoming the main outdoor attraction. A small trophy will be presented to the winners of the boys' and girls' divisions of the current tournament now in progress.

Members of the softball team have been hard at work for several weeks past. They have been practicing regularly. We hope this will build the outfit into a strong, winning team. Several youngsters have been enlisted on the team to back up such creaking veterans as Gus Straus.

On Easter Sunday, Ray Grayson gave a showing at the Cameron M. E. Church, of color slides taken on various vacations during previous years. The Kodachromes showed scenes of the Great Smokies of Tennessee; the famed Skyline Drive of North Carolina and Virginia; Virginia Beach, Norfolk; Williamsburg, and Washington, as well as pictures taken on Ray's vacation in Florida last winter.

Ruth Sanders and Violet Ryan played hostesses at a baby shower for Mrs. Henry Morgan, Jr., at the Cameron Church on Friday, April 28. Attendance was large and the new baby will be well supplied with equipment upon arrival.

News of Ohio should be sent to Ray Grayson, 6626 Chestnut Street, Cincinnati 27, Ohio.

MISSOURI . . .

The literary program held April 29 at the Kansas City club proved to be one of the best. Ethel Clarkson, hearing daughter of Mrs. Edna McArtor, was invited to give a talk on her year's stay in Korea, where she served as a civilian worker with the Army. Miss Clarkson brought a sizeable exhibit consisting of clothes, shoes, jewelry, photos, books, and a brass tea set which she brought back with her. Emanuel Goldenberg gave a declamation of "Hamlet" which was greatly enjoyed. Robert Gaunce told a mystery story which held everyone spell-bound. Another speaker was Catherine Kilcoyne of Olathe, who related a delightful tale adapted from a song.

Albert Carr, Bill Priem, Betty Weber, and Erlene Graybill journeyed to Omaha the week-end of May 7, to visit with Marcella Reiser, Bob Fisher, and Arthur Nelson.

Josie Ackles and children, Betty and Sonny, have moved to Denver, Colo., where they now make their home with Josie's sister.

Dolores Tillander has moved to Kansas City, Mo., from Omaha, and we are happy to welcome her.

Donald Cox, Elwood Higgins, and Sonny Bock report that they greatly enjoyed the Bell Club's party in St. Louis, May 13, and consider the trip well worth while.

Mr. Clarence Kirtley has returned home from a month's stay in the hospital, where he underwent major sur-

gery. We are sorry he has been so ill and that his recuperation is so slow, but hope that he will soon be up and around again as well as ever.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hyde and Mrs. Hyde's sister, Wava Hambel, drove over to Nebraska April 29. They left young Jonny Hambel with his maternal grandmother for a visit.

Mrs. Coy Sigman was honored with a baby shower held at the home of Harriett Booth on May 20. The August Webers held a party for their daughter Jean, who graduated from the Missouri school May 19.

Visitors to Kansas City have been the Gene Brewers of St. Louis; James Hopkins, St. Joseph, and Harold Kistler, Manhattan, Kansas. Mrs. Joe Weber has had her father from Indianola, Neb., visiting with her.

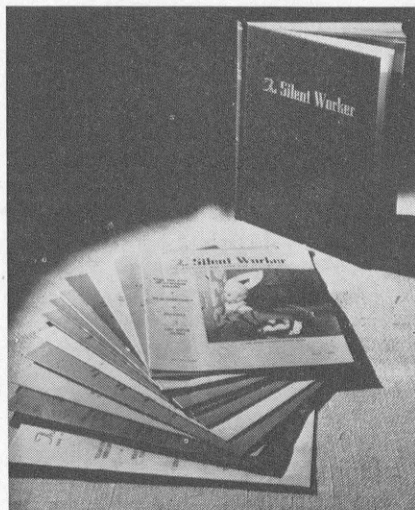
Wallis Beatty, formerly of Little Rock, stopped over in Kansas City, Mo., for several days to visit with a former schoolmate, Coy Sigman. Wallis is at present employed in Washington, Kansas, but is hopeful of securing a position on the Kansas City *Star*.

Frank Doctor says he has a new car. At least it is new to him, a '49 Chevrolet, and he greatly enjoys it after pushing his old convertible around for so long.

Have you sent in any news lately? Harriett Booth, 5937 Olive St., Kansas City, Mo., would be grateful if you did.

IOWA . . .

With the closing of the school year on June 3, five teachers will retire after many years of service on the faculty of the Iowa school in Council Bluffs. They are Miss Cornelia Dunlap, Harry L. Welty, Miss Lila Wendell, Mrs. Betty Thoresen and Mrs. Lucretia Skinner. All are from the academic division and have reached the automatic retirement age, with the exception of Mrs. Skinner who is resigning to be



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at home. On April 14, teachers of the school and other friends gathered in the school auditorium to do honor to the retiring instructors and to present each with a handsome "Parker 51" fountain pen. Charming hostesses were Mrs. Berg and Mrs. Haldeman.

The Des Moines Silent Club played host to a large crowd May 27 at the I.O.O.F. Hall. The dinner was in honor of the club's basketball players, and designed to raise funds for the 1951 Midwest basketball tournament which will take place in Des Moines. Many money-raising projects are being planned during the coming months, chief among them being the Labor Day picnic, site of which will be made known at a later date.

The Iowa Association of the Deaf will hold its convention at Sioux City, Iowa, August 24-27, with Edward J. Humphreys at the helm. Headquarters will be in the Martin Hotel and the convention is expected to be the best one yet held in Iowa.

CALIFORNIA . . .

The Hollywood Club celebrated its fifth anniversary with a dance on May 13 at 225 N. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles. Guests of honor included Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Preston, who founded the club in 1945, and leaders of various other organizations. Among them were Valentine A. Becker, the Reverend Jonas, Mrs. Elizabeth Gesner, Mrs. Velva Grisham, Howard L. Terry and Art Kruger, Secretary-Treasurer of the AAAD. Fred Klein, president of the Hollywood group, officiated as Master of Ceremonies. A lively floor show was presented, which kept guests amused most of the evening. Visitors from all over the southland crowded into the large clubrooms and due praise is given young Mrs. Ian Robertson, who planned the entertainment. The Skinner twins, Charles Lamberton, Bert Grossman, and others too numerous to mention, contributed largely toward making Hollywood's fifth anniversary something to be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Houze of San Diego are entertaining two house guests who are spending a month in the southland. They are Mrs. Sarver and Mrs. Bozzer, both of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The San Diego Club entertained on Mother's Day and a lovely bouquet of flowers was given to the oldest and youngest mother, Mrs. Stuart and Mrs. Puckett.

Mrs. Leonard Cartwright was a charming hostess not long ago when Etta Mea was feted at a bridal shower. Miss Mea is the fiancée of Loren Kibby, Pastor of the San Diego Baptist Church.

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Vital Statistics . . .

Information regarding vital statistics should be sent to Mrs. Richard J. Jones, 1420 East 15th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

BIRTHS:

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ettore, New York City, a girl, March 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugenio Alanis, Dallas, Texas, a girl, April 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coder, Oklahoma City, a girl, February 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Greco, Covington, Ky., a boy, May 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fishler, Colorado Springs, Colorado, a boy, March 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Castle, Long Beach, Calif., a boy, March 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Grimes, San Pedro, Calif., a boy, February 7.

DEATHS:

Jerome Scherer, 27, New York City, struck and killed by truck, April 13.

Mrs. Lena Wondrack, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 21.

Adolph Buhl, New York City, March 27.

Cleon E. Rogers, Waco, Texas, April 29.

Mrs. Fred Ward, Fort Dodge, Iowa, May 7.

Fred Ward, Fort Dodge, Iowa, May 22.

Fred Hodson, Redfield, Iowa, April.

Mrs. Fannie Aldersley, Berkeley, Calif., March 18.

Wayne W. Mattlin, Berkeley, Calif., March 10. Automobile accident.

William Mellis, 57, Seattle, Wash., February 25. Throat surgery; long illness.

Fred Brown, Council Bluffs, Ia., February 1.

ENGAGEMENTS:

Elwin Slade and Alice Soto, both of Tucson, Arizona.

Morton M. Sponable, Colorado, and Eileen Evanhoe, Oklahoma.

Abe Cohen and Marcia Benderoff, both of New York City.

Van Cortlandt Robinson and Vilma Montojo, both of New York City.

James E. Taylor, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Delores Lambert, Lake Charles, La.

MARRIAGES:

Betty Fox, Ohio, and Charles A. Ellison, West Virginia, January 7.

Florita Tellez, San Francisco, Calif., and Charles Corey, Oakland, Calif., April 16.

Gilmer Lentz, North Carolina, and Mary Ellen Ostoich, San Francisco, Calif., May 7.

Henry Enos and Mildred Rose Carriere, both of Berkeley, Calif., May.

Eugene Rianda and Betty Richards, San Jose, Calif., April 22.

George McKean, Oakland, Calif., and Barbara McCaslin, May 20.

John Kovac, Yonkers, N.Y., and Anna Stewari, Brooklyn, April 15.

Mrs. Floyd Wise and James C. Fullerman, San Antonio, Texas, March 15.

Thomas George Wilson, Seattle Wash., and Agnes Adams, White Plains, N.Y., April 23.

Lillian Hahn and Robert Skinner, both of Los Angeles, California, June 25.

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Frank and Evelyn Bush, who used to be going off on a trip every month or two, have been staying closely at home lately. Upon inquiry we learn that Frank has just bought a television set, a 16-inch Motorola Console. The Morris Fahrs have also acquired a TV, theirs being a 12½-inch Packard-Bell. Lucky people!

Sisters Victoria Cookson and Flo Skedsmo toured Las Vegas and Boulder Dam the end of April.

The fortieth anniversary banquet held at the Cafe Nickabob on April 22 by the Los Angeles Div. 27 NFSD was a real success. Guests enjoyed a superb chicken dinner followed by speeches from Frat president Lewis I. Peterson and guest of honor Einar Rosenkjar. Also honored were past-presidents Henry Fritz, Simon Himmelschein, Milton Miller, and Alvin Dyson. Lucy Sigman rendered "Carry On," and a floor show by professional entertainers completed the program. Afterwards guests danced till the wee hours. Credit for the event goes to Chairman J. A. Goldstein and his committee, consisting of Art Kruger, Tage Samuelson, Leonard Meyer and Toivo Lindholm.

Lillian Hahn was feted at the home of Mrs. Bernard Cuengco in Berkeley, May 26, by Mrs. Cuengco, Mrs. B. B. Burnes, and Catherine Marshall. A large number of Lillian's friends dropped in with presents and congratulations upon her engagement to Bob Skinner. Wedding bells will ring June 25 in Los Angeles.

Another party for Lillian took place June 18, at the home of Ruth Young in Los Angeles. Lillian was besieged with gifts from friends, and many of those attending were schoolmates of her Berkeley and Gallaudet days. Hostesses besides Ruth were Marcella Brandt, Willa Dudley, Esther Egger, Addie Ekman, Becky Elliott, Anna Fahr, Thelma Gray, Lucille Lindholm, Helen Rosenkjar, Vicki Santillanes, Lucy Sigman, Norma Strickland, Ruby Surber, Mary Thompson, Bea Varns, Mae Workman, and Dorothy Young.

Add to the list of new home owners in the bay region: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ruggeri, a lovely home in the Berkeley hills, and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Kowaleski, who will soon move into a home in the newly developed tract called Gregory Gardens near Walnut Creek.

San Francisco Div. 53, NFSD noted its 30th anniversary with a banquet in San Francisco May 20. The Berkeley-Oakland division celebrates its 30th year in Oakland with a similar affair on June 17.

NEW MEXICO . . .

Visitors to Santa Fe during May were the San Francisco honeymooners, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore Lentz. Mrs. Lentz will be remembered as the former Mary Ostoich, a pupil at the Berkeley, California, school.

Another visitor was Thelma R. Stamm of Washington, D. C., for several years a government employee. Thelma has more recently been attending a Bible school in Missouri. She passed through Santa Fe on her way west, where she will visit friends. She plans to attend the Christian Deaf Fellowship Convention in Los Angeles, June 29-July 6.

The Santa Fe chapter of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association held a picnic at the Holy Ghost Park May 21. Everyone had a really good time. The committee was composed of Alice Lusk, LeRoy Ridings, and Supt. Marshall S. Hester.

News of New Mexico should be sent to Mary Sladek, School for the Deaf, Santa Fe, N. M., except during June, July, and August. She may then be reached at 3249 E. 15th Street, Long Beach 4, Calif.

Anna Merle Ballard won the title of prettiest girl at the pie supper sponsored by Local 415 Ladies Auxiliary, which took place in Carlsbad on April 28. The title is well deserved.

Irena Sandoval is among the first to be employed by a new tourist court recently completed in Santa Fe. It will be known as the La Casa Judy Court, and Irena is certain of steady employment.

Naomi Boydston has left Deming for Oregon, where she will spend some time visiting with her sister, Clemia.

Scoutmasters Robert Clingenpeel, Mike Wukadinovich, and Dick Lane took the New Mexico school's Boy Scouts on a four-day outing to Pecos May 27-30. The Girl Scouts camped out overnight at Hyde Park, accompanied by Mrs. LeRoy Ridings and Elodie Wukadinovich, May 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Paxton, parents of a pupil at the New Mexico school, entertained 25 members of the faculty at a buffet supper in Los Alamos May 24.

Mercedes Kolb and Mr. and Mrs. John King were among the first to catch trout when the local trout fishing season opened May 25.

Carlos Montana of Denver paid Santa Fe a short visit on May 22, when he passed through on a two-week vacation.

State Upholds Work Of California School

On May 14, Roy E. Simpson, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of California, made public a report on the investigation of the Cali-

fornia School for the Deaf, which had been conducted by Dr. Herbert R. Stolz, chief of the Division of State Special Schools, as a result of charges made against the administration by a former counsellor and parent of three pupils in the school.

In the report, Dr. Stolz commended the administrative officers and the methods used at the school. He reported that Hugh Massey, a counsellor who was recently dismissed, had been responsible for much of the unrest and behavior problems at the school. "It appears probable that Mr. Massey deliberately encouraged this unrest," the report stated.

According to the report, the investigation showed that the administrative officers of the school were genuinely and primarily concerned with the wholesome development and happiness of the children at the school.

As a result of the investigation, it is likely that certain improvements will be effected in the recreational facilities at the school. These have long been recognized as needed improvements but appropriations heretofore have not made them available. It is probable that a new gymnasium and swimming pool will be provided, and a new athletic field constructed. These have been on a building program submitted by Superintendent Elwood A. Stevenson some years ago.

Other recommendations made by Dr. Stolz included:

1) That the department request the Legislature to provide funds for the development of an unimproved portion of the campus for a recreational area.

2) That funds be requested for the establishment of the position of clinical psychologist at the school.

3) That provisions be made for in-service training of counselors and other employees who need training in methods of communicating with deaf children.

Dr. Simpson stated that he would at-

Madagascar To Have New School For Deaf

The French government has recently appropriated one million francs for buildings for a school for the deaf in Madagascar. Leading figure in securing this money was Missionary Borgenvik of Norway. He finds the government much interested in the project. A Miss Finstad has been training herself in the education of the deaf at universities in Norway and France the past year, with the intention of taking charge of the educational work for the deaf in Madagascar.—"De Doves Blad, May, 1950. tempt to make the recommendations effective as rapidly as possible.

GALLAUDET ALUMNI MEET IN PORTLAND

By GEORGIA ULMER

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association met at an annual banquet in Portland, Oregon, on April 22. Among the 102 attending were a number of members from Vancouver, Seattle, and Spokane, Washington. Two traveled from Canada for the event.

Thure A. Lindstrom, who has been teaching in the Oregon school over 40 years and is well beloved, gave the invocation.

After dinner came the program, to which many members had been looking forward. John O'Brien was excellent as toastmaster.

Helen Northrop gave an interesting talk, "Highlights of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the G.C.A.A." She is a charter member of the chapter.

Jean Lucas Stokebary gracefully rendered the poem, "If Gallaudet Were Alive," written by D. E. Neutzling.

Dr. Elwood A. Stevenson, superintendent of the California School for the Deaf, gave an address, "Factors in the Education of the Deaf and What Can Be Done About Them."

Dr. Stevenson, a former Normal Fellow at Gallaudet College, is one of the foremost educators of the deaf in the United States. Upon arriving in Oregon, April 20, he observed the work at the Oregon School for the Deaf, Salem. On April 21, he visited the Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver. After a brief trip to Multnomah Falls, Bonneville Dam, and along the Columbia River, he returned to Portland to attend the G.C.A.A. banquet. Also present at the dinner were Supt.



Above, Edwin Peterson, former supt. of Saskatchewan and Montana schools; V. W. Epperson, Washington supt.; Dr. Elwood A. Stevenson, California supt.; and M. B. Clatterbuck, supt. of the Oregon School, at the Northwest Alumni banquet.

Marvin Clatterbuck, of the Oregon school; Supt. Virgil Epperson, of the Washington school, and Mr. Edwin G. Peterson, former superintendent of the Montana school and the Saskatchewan school in Canada. Because of ill health, Mr. Peterson had to leave the profession. He is currently representing a hearing aid firm in Portland.

Several square dances were performed by a group of hearing people from Portland. They delighted the audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ulmer gave a skit, "A Box of Foot Powder." After this amusing performance, Mr. Clatterbuck, Mr. Epperson, Mrs. Olaf Hanson and Mr. Harold Linde made a few brief remarks. The program closed with a clever monologue, "How to Bake a Cake," by Zelma Kitchen Hokanson.

The banquet was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. John Vogt.

Arthur Wenner Dies

Cincinnati Division No. 10 of the N.F.S.D. once again mourns the passing of one of the stalwarts whose interest in the Frat made it the great organization it is today. Arthur Wenner departed to the happy hunting ground of all good Fratters on May 6, after a lingering illness of several years. He was 59 years old.

Born in Cincinnati in 1891, Arthur first attended the Cincinnati Oral School but later transferred to the Ohio State School for the Deaf in Columbus, from which he graduated in 1910, being the valedictorian of his class. In 1913 he joined the N.F.S.D. and had hardly been sworn in before his intense interest in the society made itself evident. Over the years he held practically every office in the division, from president down. For a span of eleven consecutive years he was the valued treasurer of the division, retiring only upon the advent of his illness. He was presented with a wrist watch by members of the division in appreciation of his long and faithful service.

For a time Arthur was a resident of the Ohio Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf. Showing improvement he returned home, but later was forced to enter a hospital, from which he was transferred to a rest home. He was accorded full Frat memorial services at the funeral, with President LeRoy Duning presiding. The remains were cremated. He is survived by a sister and two brothers.

Vail! Loyal Fratter.

—RAY GRAYSON.

Gallaudet Alumni.

At left, banquet table, Pacific N.W. Chapter



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The 1930 football team of the California School—Louis M. Byouk's choice as the outstanding eleven. First row, left to right: Dr. Stevenson (Supt.), V. Birck (Athletic Director), D. Ponsetti, F. McCormick, G. Chaves, E. Harmola, G. Crowder, L. Ruggeri, C. Robbins, L. Byouk (Coach), C. Patrick (Manager). Second row: F. Baker, P. Cope, F. Losano, A. O'Branovich (deceased), L. McIntyre, S. Nieto (Capt.), J. Bagby, A. Cola. Third row: R. Miller, J. Ewart, E. Ladner, B. Macnider, W. Camo, E. Sullivan, J. McKee, P. Aiello. Absent from picture—Shigeo Nakamura.

ATHLETICS AT THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

By EMIL S. LADNER

Editor's Note: We have our friend Emil S. Ladner to thank for this interesting article and we hope other schools for the deaf will send in similar articles. Recently we wrote each school a letter seeking information as to its greatest athlete from 1900 to the present, the greatest in football, and so on and on. It is sincerely hoped each school will start discussing these questions now and during the summer, and send in its reply by September 15th.

At the California School for the Deaf one cannot think of athletics without considering Louis Mark Byouk, the genial coach of football, basketball, baseball, and track for the past twenty years. During the period of 1928-48 he produced many outstanding teams and super-athletes in spite of the 18-year age limit and the small number of boys available for sports. With the coming of a course in Physical Education this year, Louis has retired from coaching but has not stopped going to athletic contests.

He was born in Crested Butte, Colorado, in April, 1903, of Austrian parents. He became deaf from scarlet fever at three and attended the Colorado School for the Deaf from 1912 to 1924. While there he developed into one of its greatest all-around athletes. The Colorado teams were feared by opponents, and won many a game from heavier and more experienced teams due to the presence of the indomitable Louis.

In 1924 he entered Gallaudet College and at once made his presence felt on the gridiron, the basketball court, and the athletic field. He was twice captain of football and his punting has become a legend at Gallaudet. Among the strong colleges he has played against were Fordham, Temple, Maryland, Bucknell, Delaware, and Catholic. In all games he was a marked man and did not escape injuries that cut down his efficiency. He won all-star mention in the District of Columbia and in Spalding's Football Guide.

In basketball he was also a mainstay and sparkplug. However, due to

football injuries to his knee, he played only the first two years.

He was also a fine baseball pitcher and hitter, but he turned out for track. In dual meets he competed in several events and was usually the high point man of the afternoon. In his last meet against Catholic University, he picked up twenty points with three firsts, a second, and two thirds. At one time, he held three Gallaudet records—the shot put, the 440, and the discus. Competing in several events prevented him from compiling a greater record in a few. His class of 1929 won five straight interclass meets for an all-time record. Louis still holds the individual high score with 42½ points in one meet.

Louis is a Kappa Gamma man and participated in social and dramatic events to show that he was not all athlete. He is married to the former Virginia Hazeltine of Idaho and they have two lovely children—Beverly, 10, and Charles, 5. Both possess abilities above normal. Already Charles is quite an athlete in his own way, and is helping

keep his daddy's weight below 250 pounds.

Here we present Louis' choices for immortality at C.S.D.:

Best all-around athlete: Lloyd Escobar, who starred in football, basketball and track, and later became an outstanding professional boxer. After a brief career he retired from the ring, soon after a boxer died from injuries sustained in a match with Escobar.

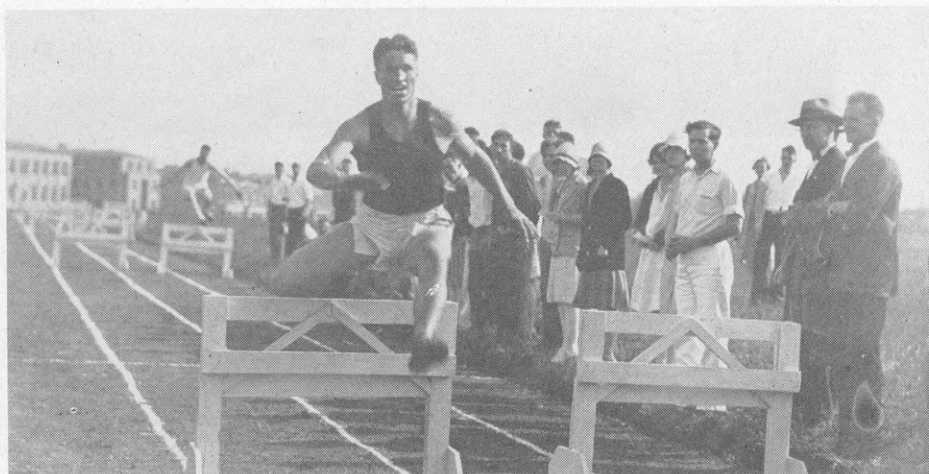
Charles Robbins is the second choice due to his versatility in football, basketball, and baseball around 1927-31. Bruce Smith is third due to his all-around skill in football, basketball, and track.

The outstanding football team appeared in 1930 with six wins and one loss, a 7-0 one to Vallejo Hi. The team rolled up 184 points to 7. Another outstanding team, in 1937, won 6, lost 1, and tied 1. Also, the 1940 team was judged the best in the U.S., among schools for the deaf. All-American players were Arlie Taylor, Lloyd Escobar, Angelo Skropeta, Michael Skropeta, Lloyd Hendricks, and Ronald Atkins.

The 1938 basketball team won the league championship with these players: G. Kearney, Theo Ruffa, M. Skropeta, A. Skropeta, J. Pospisill, B. Harris, and Roy Miller. Another player, James Lazarini, was All-American guard.

As for baseball, it was played only a few seasons and dropped in favor of track.

Track produced outstanding stars



Back in 1929—Louis M. Byouk is shown in the low hurdles event while representing the Senior Class of Gallaudet College in the annual Inter-Class Meet, in which he set an unprecedented record of 42½ points.

such as Joe Hill, Escobar, Harold Castro, Bruce Smith, and others. Roy G. Parks, now principal at the Mississippi School for the Deaf, was track coach for several years. Louis took his place to carry on the tradition. The track team won six straight league championships, besides others in other years, and many medals and trophies in invitational meets. The trophy case is overflowing with these track keepsakes. The school track records and their holders are:

- 100-YARD DASH—Horace Carlson,
Time, 10.1s, 1935.
- 220-YARD DASH—Horace Carlson.
Time, 23.0s, 1935.
- 440-YARD DASH—L. Quijada.
Time, 54.2s, 1938.
- 880-YARD RUN—Donald Nowdesha.
Time, 2m. 03.1s, 1941.
- MILE RUN—Harold Castro.
Time, 4m.42.2s, 1939.
- 120-YD. HIGH HURDLES—Lloyd Escobar.
Time, 16.0s, 1941.
- 220-YD. LOW HURDLES—Glenn Kearney.
Time, 25.8s, 1938.
- *SHOT-PUT—Joe Hill.
Distance, 54 ft. 9½ in., 1936.
- *DISCUS—Joe Hill.
Distance, 130 ft. 9 in., 1936.
- *POLE VAULT—Roger Specht.
Height, 11 ft. 7½ in., 1938.
- HIGH JUMP—T. Lewis.
Height, 5 ft. 11 in., 1948.
- BROAD JUMP—Ross Scott.
Height, 21 ft. 6¼ in., 1938.
- 880 RELAY—Kearney, Miller, Shoemaker, Quijada.
Time, 1m. 34.4s, 1938.

*National School for the Deaf record.

Just for the record, we asked Louis to name an all-time grid team of twenty

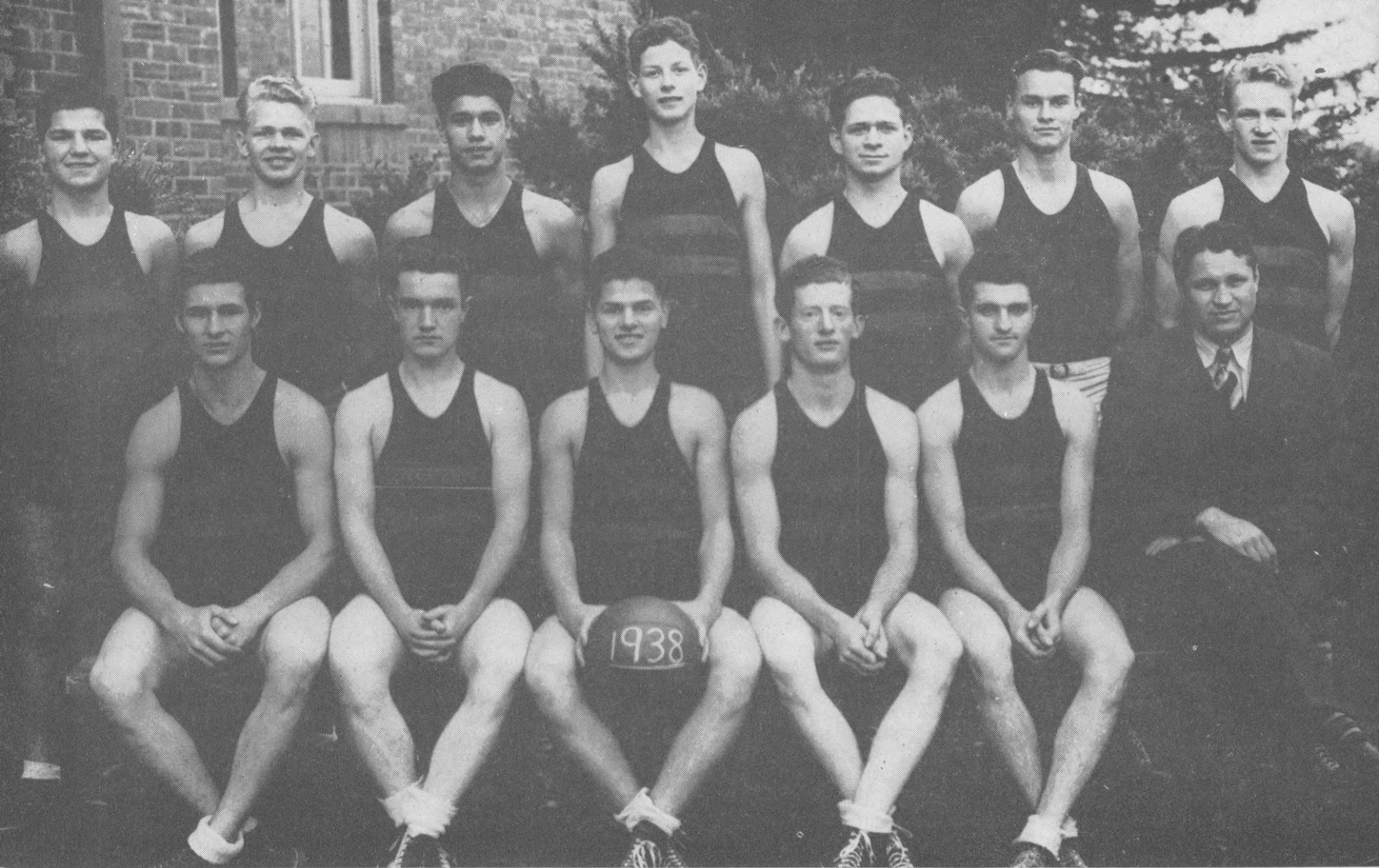
At left, Lloyd Escobar, Byouk's choice for immortality at the California School for the Deaf as best all-around athlete. At right, how Byouk looked in uniform when he played for Gallaudet College. It is told that in a game with Temple University he did not know he had left his football shoes behind till game time. Before a capacity crowd of 15,000 in Philadelphia in 1928, he played in brand new shoes borrowed through the courtesy of the Temple athletic management, and kept Temple's safety man dizzy all afternoon chasing his beautiful, long, spiral punts which sailed through the air for 50 and 60 yards.

years. At ends there are Charles Robbins and Dominici Ponsetti; guards—Horace Carlson and Joe Ghilarducci; tackles—Giffin Crowder and Roy Miller; center—G. Nuckles. The star-studded list of backs includes Sepriano Nieto, Henry Miller, Lloyd Escobar and Frank Losano.

His all-time basketball team is composed of Charles Robbins and Bruce Smith, forwards; Michael Skropeta, center; Giffin Crowder and Theobaldo Ruffa, guards.

With the retiring of Louis Mark Byouk, athletics has suffered a great loss, but time is a good healer and we are wishing his successor the best of luck.

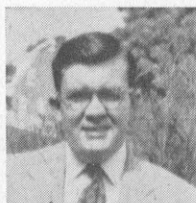




All-time basketball team of the California School for the Deaf—the 1938 edition. Seated, left to right: R. Miller, B. Harris, M. Skropeta, G. Kearney, T. Ruffa, L. Byouk (Coach). Standing: A. Skropeta, J. Ranta, H. Bernard, C. Pruitt, D. Smith, R. Frazier, J. Pospisil.

Down the Sporting Trail with F. L. Baker

We were highly encouraged by the terrific response to our first column. We got a total of three (3) letters and one postcard. The last named carried this message: "... at last I know where you are. How about paying that 84 cents you borrowed in 1939?"



F. L. BAKER

By the time this gets to the press-room, one of the best athletes in recent schoolboy history will have graduated. He is Franklin Willis of

the Tennessee School. SW readers will readily recall Willis as Art Kruger's dream player in both 1948 and 1949.

Down in Tennessee they take their football seriously and the sports writers are really on the ball. The large dailies in Memphis, Knoxville, and Nashville all gave frequent mention to the athletic feats of Franklin Willis. Their word is good enough for us.

A review of Willis' career would take up our whole column, so only a

few highlights can be given. In capsule form, here it is:

Football: Four years—touchdowns, 51; extra points, 15; total points, 321; passed for 29 touchdowns and 13 extra points; was team's quarterback, best blocker, best punter.

Basketball: Three years—Dependable, if not brilliant, guard and playmaker. Scored a total of 175 points.

Track and Field: 100-yard dash, 10.3; 220, 22.7; javelin, 166 feet, 7½ inches; discus, 138 feet.

Franklin is from Memphis, and is the son of deaf parents. His favorite recreation is bowling and he is good, too. He tips the scales at 172 pounds and is five feet 10 inches tall. He has his sights set on Gallaudet College. What a combination he and Dick Amundsen would make!

Good luck to you, Franklin Willis.

Nathan Zimble, erstwhile principal and wrestling coach at the Arkansas School, told this story at the St. Augustine convention two years ago. (Thanks, Conley Akin, for telling us.)

One day an Arkansas 90-pounder

was having no end of difficulty with his hearing opponent. Finally, the deaf boy was neatly pinned and his cause was apparently hopeless. Suddenly an inspiration came to him. He reached around his opponent's body and tapped him twice on the back. The hearing boy naturally thought it was the referee signalling him that the match was over and that he had won. He released his grip and was astounded when the deaf wrestler jumped up, executed a body slam and won by a fall.

Coach Zimble immediately jumped up and started to tell everybody who would listen that it was none of his doing.

While we question that boy's ethics, we have no doubt that he will make his way in the world!

The other day Dick Sipek, the deaf outfielder playing for the Reidsville Luckies in the Class B Carolina League, hit two home runs off Buzz Dozier of the Washington Senators in an exhibition game. Dick's heroics enabled Reidsville to tie the Senators, 7-7.

Plenty of people will pooh-pooh Dick

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The Sporting Trail . . .

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Sipek because he seemingly is stuck in a bush league for the duration of his playing days. But not this writer. We have heard that Dick has had chances of going back up the baseball ladder, but that he is satisfied where he is. This may sound peculiar, inasmuch as he has played for Cincinnati (82 games in 1945) and with the Triple AAA Syracuse Chiefs. The reason? For lack of a better word, let's call it security—i.e., a fine boss and good working conditions.

North Carolina has more teams in organized baseball than any other state. It has been said that some players in the Tarheel State are so rabid over baseball that they would think nothing of devouring a couple of umpires before breakfast. Perhaps the biggest fanatic is Herb Brett, owner of the Reidsville team and "father" of the Carolina League.

What does Brett think of Sipek? Smith Barrier, sports editor of a Greensboro (N.C.) paper, devoted a full column on April 21 to Brett and Sipek. We are taking the liberty of quoting a few gems from Mr. Barrier's column:

" . . . Herb meant Dick Sipek, as good an outfielder as this league has ever had if you want to use the 1949 record books as a basis of comparison . . . "

Brett: " . . . I guess Dick's the only deaf mute in baseball, and it puts him to plenty of handicaps. But I'll say this for him. You won't find a guy who is any better in the field, who can throw any better and who can run any better. He's an average hitter. You put them all together, and that's a pretty good outfielder, don't you think . . . ? "

" . . . Right field is the spot for him. It takes a strong arm over there in that corner . . . "

" . . . His hitting? He totaled a .321 percentage last year . . . seems to be getting more wood on the ball this year . . . "

" . . . He was walked twice at Danville last night, and by a lefthander, too. They must respect him. Maybe they heard about the Washington Senator game. Dick hit two out of the park that afternoon. And you ought to have seen him when he came back to the dugout after that second homer. He didn't have to speak. The expression on his face did that for him . . . "

One gathers that Dick Sipek is doing all right in Reidsville.

We have been promised by W. E. "Railbird" Stevens that a true horse story is forthcoming. This transplanted Kentuckian has built a home in Phoenix, Arizona, far from his beloved Churchill Downs.

Desmarais Tabbed Deaf Wrestler of 1950

By ART KRUGER

Wrestling has been a major sport at Gallaudet College for several years. It became established when Tom Clayton, an expert coach, appeared on the college scene, and when other sports were in the doldrums, it kept the Gallaudet colors high.

There have been few deaf athletes in the wrestling game, but among the few there have been two or three champions. Such names as Meagher, Rattan, and Olson became known all over the land. Here is a young newcomer to the mat who seems destined to add to the laurels of deafdom.—Ed.

Camille Leonel Desmarais, 18, of Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, a freshman at Gallaudet College, was named by the writer as the Deaf Wrestler of 1950.

This year on March 18 at Baltimore, Desmarais, a snappy 121-pounder, walked off with the championship of the Mason-Dixon conference wrestling tournament in his division. A week later he retained the 121-crown of the District of Columbia AAU wrestling tournament and was named the Outstanding Wrestler of this country.

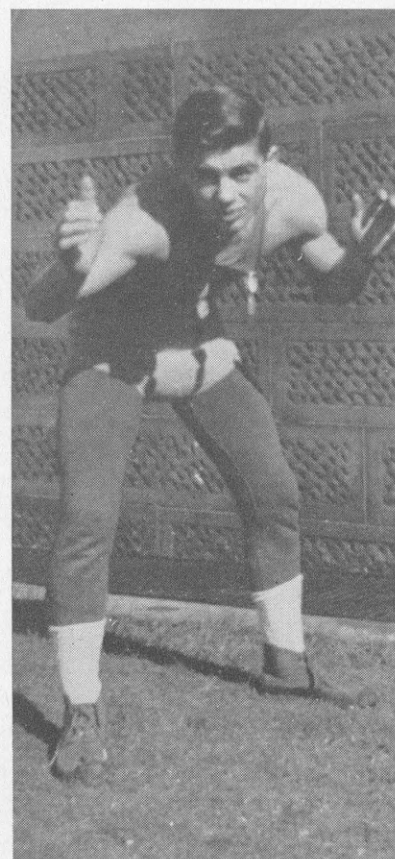
In winning the Mason-Dixon title, he defeated all of his four opponents by falls, wrestling less than a total of nine minutes for the whole tournament. Had an Outstanding Wrestler Award been made at this meet, he would have got it, for he easily was the class of the field. He copped the District of Columbia AAU title with two falls and a decision.

Recently he was nominated for the 3rd All-American Wrestling Team of 1950 by Johnnie Hordines, wrestling editor of *The Body Builder* magazine, and creator of the Mr. America Contest.

Deafened at the age of 11 from spinal meningitis, Desmarais attended the American School for the Deaf at West Hartford, Conn., before coming to Gallaudet.

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Coach Clayton, by the way, was also named by Johnnie Hordines



Camille Leonel Desmarais, brilliant Gallaudet matman, Deaf Wrestler of 1950.

as "One of a group of America's Outstanding Wrestling Coaches." He began his coaching career at the University of Maryland, where he started the first wrestling team in 1927. In 1936, his Gallaudet matmen took the DC AAU championship. This year they placed second in both Mason-Dixon and District of Columbia AAU tournaments, and are considered a hot prospect next year, inasmuch as most of the top men will still be on the mat then.

"Coaching the deaf is difficult," Clayton says. "With hearing boys the coach can catch them and correct them while they are actually wrestling. With the deaf, however, this cannot be done. It is necessary to reconstruct situations, which is sometimes slow and discouraging."

"There are compensations, however," he declares. "The deaf are usually not as much bothered by nervousness as are hearing boys. Moreover, they display a very aggressive spirit; and there are few quitters among them. Many of the greenest boys come out of almost impossible situations with a heart-warming display of fighting spirit."

Just Conversation . . .

The California school upheaval was not very amusing. Its consequences could have been serious, and the publicity had an adverse effect. Nevertheless, one chuckle emerged. According to Emil Ladner, the *Post-Enquirer* headlined a new development: DEAF SCHOOL COUNSELOR DISMISSED AFTER HEARING.

Virginia has Buick dealers and Buick dealers. One of them, it appears, is not too smart. At any rate, he sold a pretty girl a 1950 Buick not so long ago. The Buick subsequently came to a stop in the dooryard of our own Automaniac. Naturally enough, as the purchaser was Mrs. Automaniac. The dealer's luck played out right there, for the auto fiend promptly established the fact that this Buick was not as new as claimed. It was a rebuilt wreck. After some correspondence, the district attorney came into the picture. Result: one crackling refund check, for the full amount which had changed hands. Mrs. Automaniac is now driving a new Packard Ultramatic, while the dealer licks his wounds.

About three months ago, we put a trusty correspondent on the track of a feminine laboratory technician, scenting an article in the offing. Month after month went by, but no article. We are not so sure we will ever have it. The interviewer married the girl. This is one case, at least, where Cupid was given an assist by the *Worker*.

Since last report, we have burned a fourth coffee-pot. No more, we hope. Subscribers to the rescue; the George Elliotts solved the problem very neatly. They donated (a) a new coffee pot, (b) two pounds of coffee, and (c) an electric hot plate which fits nicely on the desk. With the coffee pot under the editorial nose, it is unlikely we will de-handle any more coffee pots. All this and a subscription, too!

The parents' exchange mentioned in an earlier issue has not yet found a "parent"—in other words, a department head. Until the work of conducting such an exchange can be assumed by a regular conductor, it cannot appear in the magazine. As we go to press, we are awaiting word from a candidate for the position. We hope the word will be affirmative, as so many readers have expressed interest in the proposed new department.

Please note the change of address. Mail for the editor should be addressed to Mrs. Loel Schreiber, 3606 Kalsman Drive, Apt. 3, Los Angeles, Calif.

Former editor Bill White, who is now in the District of Columbia, can breathe a bit easier this time. We sent him a specially made map, showing the way to our new location.

Letters . . .

THE SILENT WORKER welcomes reader comment, but the editors reserve the right to edit letters to meet space requirements, and to reject such comment as may seem unfit for publication. Letters must bear writers' names and addresses.

EDITOR:

What is so frightfully wrong that a deaf child cannot use sign language, the means of communication which is most natural to him? What is wrong with accomplishing things as a *deaf person* rather than as a someone who has no hearing, but can talk and read lips? I don't know about the deaf people I am with now, but I do remember having heard some deaf people "speak," and if anything was unnatural, that was. I think the main fault lies with parents, who put too much of a stigma upon the appearance of deafness. It is not only that the parents are misinformed, but I think there is a selfish feeling behind it. When the child is *admittedly* deaf and uses sign language, he is cut off a great deal from his family and belongs to another world. It seems to me that this is mainly what the parents are against, that they cannot continue to exert such a strong influence over their children when the children become independent through their deaf groups . . . That may be why so many oralists are not really mature. They are constantly under the influence of parents, usually mothers; this, as a matter of fact, is usually the main reason why they do not learn to sign . . . There are exceptions to all rules, but I do think that even in the best parents the feeling is there, though unconsciously.

MRS. ALVIN KLUGMAN,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Klugman is a newcomer to deafdom, having lost her hearing at an advanced age. She is an excellent lipreader and, thanks to the late advent of deafness, speaks very clearly. These factors lend added interest to the views she expresses on the most widely debated question of our time. The question of maturity is a new one. What do our readers think?

EDITOR:

This is just a note to tell you how much I enjoy reading *The Silent Worker* . . . I noted with interest the plans for an exchange department for deaf parents of hearing children. Along with that idea, how about contributions from said children?

MABEL NORTHERN FINNELL,
COVINA, CALIFORNIA

Yes, how about it?

EDITOR:

You have undoubtedly seen a Great Northern box car with its picture of a goat on the side of the car. You recall the picture of Clarke in *THE SILENT WORKER* last fall, and how his carved goats resembled the Great Northern goat. 'Tis because Clarke made the original carving for the Great Northern advertisement many years ago. He now gets a pension from the road.

JOHN A. DELANCE
MUNDELEIN, ILLINOIS

Those who enjoyed the fine story of Indian woodcarver John Clarke, by Archie Randles, will be interested in this sidelight. We were.

EDITOR:

Mrs. Kate Shibley (see *The Silent Worker*, April, 1950) reports that the *Coffeyville Journal*, when making its nice tribute to the Shibley's accomplishments, left out three things of which Mrs. Shibley was truly proud. (1) She was principal and normal teacher at the Arkansas school, at the time of the late Dr. John R. Dobyn's superintendency. (2) A number of young women entered the profession of teaching the deaf because of her training and her interest in getting them positions. (3) Mrs. Shibley was granted national credentials in her work by the Committee of Superintendents of Schools for the Deaf.

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